ANNO SECVNDO
ET TERTIO EDOVARDI
SEXTI.

ACTES

made in the Session of this
present parliament, holden vpon pro-
rogacion at Westminster the fourth
date of November, in the second yere
of oure moste dread soueraigne Lorde
Edward the VI. by the grace of God
kyng of England, Fraunce, and Ire-
lande, defendor of the faith, and of the
churche of England and also of Ire-
land, in yearth the supreme hed:
and there continued & kept
to the .xiiii. date of Mar-
che, in the .iii. yere of
oure saied soue-
reigne lorde,
as folo-
weth.

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EDOVARDI. VI.

¶ The first Chapiter.

¶ An act for the vnifformitie of Seruice, and administracion of the Sacramentes, throughout the Realme.

Where of long tyme there hath been had, in this realme of England, & in Wales, diuerse fourmes of common prayer, commonly called the seruice of the churche: that is to saie, the vse of Sarum, of Yorke, of Bāgor, and of Lincolne: And besides thesame, nowe of late, muche more diuerse & sondry fourmes and fasshions, haue been vsed in the Cathedrall and Parishe Churches of Englande and Wales: aswel concerning the Matins or morning prayer, and the Euensong, as also concerning the holy Communion, commonly called The Masse, with diuerse and sundery Rites and Ceremonies concerning thesame, and in the administracion of other Sacramentes of the Churche: and as the doers and executors of the said rites and Ceremonies, in other fourme then of late yeres they haue been vsed, wer pleased therwith: So other not vsing thesame Rites and Ceremonies, wer therby greatly offended. And albe it the kynges maiestie, with the aduise of his moost entierly beloued vncle the Lorde Protector, and other of his highnes counsaill, hath heretofore diuerse times assaied, to staie innouacions, or newe rites concerning the premisses: yet thesame hath not had suche good successe, as his highnes required in that behalf, wherupon his highnes by the moost prudent aduise aforesaied, being pleased to beare with the frailtie, and weakenes of his subiectes in that behalf, of his greate clemencie hath not been onely contēt, to abstaine from punishment of those, that haue offended in that behalf, for that his highnes taketh that they did it of a good zeale: But also to the intent a vnifforme, quiet, and godly order should be had, concernīng the premisses, hath appointed Tharchebishop of Cantorbury, and certain of the moost learned and discrete Bishoppes, and other learned mē of this realme, to conspire and ponder the premisses, and thereupon hauing aswell eye and respect, to the moost sincere and pure christian Religion taught by the scriptures, as to the vsages in the primatiue Churche, should drawe and make one conuenient and mete order, rite and fashion of common and open prayer, and administracion of the Sacramentes, to be had and vsed in his maiesties realme of Englande, and in Wales: The whiche at this tyme, by the aide of the holy ghost, with one

vnifoꝛme agrement, is of theim concluded, ſetfurth and deliuered to his highnes, to his greate comfoꝛt and quietnes of mynde, in a booke entitled The booke of the common praier, and adminiſtracīō of the Sacramentes, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Churche, after the vſe of the Churche of Englande. Wherfoꝛe, the Lozdes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, conſidering aſwell the mooſt Godly trauell of the kinges highnes, of the lozde Pꝛotectoꝛ, and other of his highnes counſaill, in gathering and collecting theſaid Archebiſhop, Biſhoppes, and learned men together, as the Godly Pꝛaiers, Oꝛders, Rites, and Ceremonies, in theſaied boke mencioned, and the conſiderations of alteryng thoſe thynges, whiche bee altered, and reteinyng thoſe thynges, whiche be reteigned in theſaid boke: but alſo the honoꝛ of God and greate quietnes, whiche by the grace of God ſhall enſue vpon the one and vnifoꝛme ryte and oꝛdꝛe, in ſuche cōmon pꝛaier and Rites, and externe Ceremonies, to bee vſed throughout England, and in Wales, at Calice and the marches of theſame, do geue to his highnes, moſt hartie and lowly thākes foꝛ theſame, and humbly praien, that it may bee oꝛdeined and enacted by his maieſtie, with the aſſent of the lozdes and commons, in this preſent Parliamēt aſſembled and by thaucthoꝛitie of theſame, that all and ſynguler perſone and perſons, that haue offended concernyng the pꝛemiſſes other then ſuche perſone and perſones, as now be, and remain in ward in the towꝛe of London, oꝛ in the Fleete maie be pardoned therof, and that all and ſynguler miniſters, in any Cathedꝛall oꝛ Paryſhe Churche, oꝛ other place within this realme of Englande, Wales, Calice, and marches of theſame, oꝛ other the kynges dominions, ſhall from and after the feaſt of pentecoſte next comming, be bounden to ſaie and vſe the Matins, Euenſong, celebꝛacion of the Lozdes ſupper, commonly called the Maſſe, and adminiſtracion of eche of the Sacramentes, and all their common and open pꝛaier, in ſuche oꝛdꝛe and fourme, as is mencioned in theſaied boke, and none other oꝛ otherwiſe. And albeit that theſame be ſo godly and good, that they geue occaſion to euery honeſt and confoꝛmable man, moſt willyngly to enbꝛace theim: yet leſt any obſtinate perſone, who wyllyngly would diſturbe ſo Godly oꝛdꝛe and quiet in this realme, ſhould not go vnpuniſhed: that it maie alſo be oꝛdeined and enacted, by thaucthoꝛitie afoꝛeſaied, that if any maner of Perſon, Vicar oꝛ other, whatſoeuer miniſter that ought oꝛ ſhould, ſyng oꝛ ſaie common Pꝛaier, mencioned in theſaied boke, oꝛ miniſter the Sacramentes, ſhall after theſaied feaſt of Pentecoſt next commyng, refuſe to vſe theſaied common praiers, oꝛ to miniſter the Sacramentes, in ſuche Cathedꝛall oꝛ Pariſhe Churche, oꝛ other places as he ſhould vſe oꝛ miniſter theſame, in ſuche oꝛdꝛe and fourme, as they be mencioned and ſet furthe in theſaied boke, oꝛ ſhal vſe wilfully, and obſtinatly ſtandyng in theſame, any other Rite, Ceremony oꝛdꝛe, fourme, oꝛ maner of Maſſe openly, oꝛ pꝛiuely, oꝛ Matins, Euen-

saied, that all and euery Archebishop, and Bishoppe shal or may at all tyme and times, at his libertie and pleasure, ioyne and associate himselfe by vertue of this acte, to the saied Justices of Oyer and Determiner, or to the saied Justices of assise, at euery of the saied open and generall Sessions, to be holden in any place within his Dioces, for, and to the inquirie, heating, and determining of the offences aforesaied.

PROVIDED alwaies, that it shalbe lefull to any man, that vnderstandeth the Greke, Latin, and Hebrwe toungue, or other straunge tongue, to saie and haue the saied praiers, heretofore specified of Mattins and Euensong, in Latin, or any suche other toungue, saiyng the same priuatly, as they doo vnderstande. And for the further encouraging of learnyng in the toungues, in the Universities of Cambrydge and Oxforde, to vse and exercise in their common and open praier in their Chapelles (beyng no parish churches) or other places of praier, the Mattins Euensong, Letany, and al other praiers. (The holy Communion commonly called the Masse, excepted) prescribed in the saied boke, in Greke Latin or hebrew, any thing in this present act, to the contrary notwithstanding.

PROVIDED also, that it shalbee lawfull for all men, aswell in churches, chappelles, oratories, or other places, to vse openly any psalme or praier, taken out of the Bible, at any due tyme, not letting or omitting thereby the Seruice, or any part therof mencioned in the saied boke.

PROVIDED also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid that the bokes concerning the saied seruices, shall at the costes and charges, of the Parishoners of euery Parishe, and Cathedrall Churche bee attained and gotten before the feast of Penthecost next folowing, or before, and that all suche parishes and Cathedral churche, or other places where the saied bookes shalbe attained and gotten, before the saied feast of Penthecost, shall within thre wekes next after the saied bokes so attained and gotten, vse the saied Seruice, and put the same in vre, according to this act.

AND be it further enacted, by thauthoritie aforesaied, that no persone or persones, shalbee at any tyme hereafter empeached, or otherwise molested, or, for any of the offences aboue mencioned, hereafter to bee committed or doen, contrary to this act, onelesse he or they so offending, be therof endited at the next generall Sessions, to bee holden before any suche Justices of Oyer and determiner, or Justices of Assise next after any offence committed or doen, contrary to the tenor of this act.

PROVIDED alwaies, and bee it ordeined and enacted by the authoritie aforesaied, that all and singuler lordes of the Parliament, for the third offence aboue mencioned, shalbe tried by their Peres.

PROVIDED also, and bee it ordeined and enacted, by the authoritie aforesaied, that the Maior of London, and all other Maiors, Baillifes, and other hed officers, of all and synguler Cities, Boroughes

and tounes corporate, within this realme, Wales, Calice, and the marches of thesame, to the whiche Justices of Assise dooe not commonly repaire, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this act, to enquire, heare, and determine the offences abouesaied, and euery of theim yerely, within xv. daies after the feast of Easter, and sainct Michaell the Archangell, in like maner and fourme, as iustices of Assise and Oyer and determiner maie do.

PROVIDED alwayes and bee it ordeigned and enacted, by the aucthorite aforesaied, that all and singuler Archebishoppes and Byshoppes, and euery of their Chauncellors, Commissaries, Archedeacōs, and other Ordinaries hauing any peculier Ecclesiasticall iurisdiccion, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this act, aswel to enquire in their visitacions and Sinodes, and els where within their iurisdiccion, at any other tyme and place, to take accusaciōs and informacions, of all and euery the thinges aboue mencioned, doen, committed, or perpetrate, within the limites of their iurisdiccions and aucthoritie, and to punishe thesame, by admonicion, excommunicacion, sequestraciō, or depriuacion, and other sensures and processe in like fourme, as heretofore hath been vsed in like cases, by the kynges Ecclesiasticall lawes.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that what soeuer persone offending in the premisses, shall for the first offence receiue punishment of the ordinarie, hauing a testimonial therof, vnder thesaied Ordinaries seale, shal not for thesame offence eftsones be conuicted before the iustices: and likewise receiuing for thesaied first offence, punishment by the iustices, he shall not for thesame offence, eftsones receiue punishment of the Ordinary, any thyng conteigned in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ The. ii. Chapter.

An act, touching the true seruice of Capitains and Souldiours.

WHere before this tyme, diuerse of the Kynges maiesties louyng and obedient subiectes, accordyng to their bounden dueties, haue assigned, appoincted and sent furthe, aswell in the parties beyonde the seas, and to the seas, as also into Scotlande and other places, diuerse bothe within this realme, and without this realme, many able persones or souldiors, well furnished with good Horsses and Harneses, mete to serue the Kyng in warres to their great charges, and costes: yet some of thesaid souldiors so sent, do serue cōtrary to their said Masters expectacion, and contrary to their bounden dueties to the Kynges hyghnes, haue solde, loste, exchaunged, or altered their Masters horsse and Harnes, or otherwyse by deceipt or couyn conuerted thesame: By

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long administracion of the Sacramentes, or other open prayer, then is mencioned and set furthe in thesaid boke: (open prayer in and throughout this Acte, is ment that Prayer which is for other to com: vnto, or heare, either, in comm on Churches or priuate Chapelles or Oratories commōly called the Seruice of the Churche) or shall preache, declare, or speake any thyng in the derogacion, or deprauing of thesaied booke, or any thyng therin conteined, or of anypart therof, & shalbe therof lawfully conuicted, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, by verdite of .xii. men, or by his awne confession, or by the notorious euidence of the facte, shall lose and forfet to the kynges highnes, his heires and successors, for his first offence, the profite of suche one of his spirituall benefices or promocions, as it shall please the kynges hyghnes, to assigne or appoinct, commyng & arysyng in one whole yere, next after his conuicciō. And also that thesame persone so conuicted, shal for thesame offence suffre emprisonment, by the space of .vi. monethes, without baile or mainprise. And if any suche persone, once conuict of any offence concernyng the premisses, shal after his first conuicciō eftsones offende, and be thereof in fourme aforesaied, lawfully conuicte, that then thesame persone, shall for his second offence suffre emprisonment, by the space of one whole yere, and also shall therfore be depriued *ipso facto* of all his spirituall promocions, and that it shalbee lawfull to all patrons, donors, grauntes, of all and singuler thesame spirituall promocions, to present to thesame any other able clerke, in like maner and fourme, as though the partie so offēdyng were ded. And that if any suche persone or persones, after he shalbe twise conuicted in fourme aforesaied, shal offende agaynst any of the premisses the third tyme, and shalbe therof in fourme aforesaid lawfully conuicted, that then the persone so offendyng, and conuicted the third tyme, shall suffre emprisonment during his lyfe. And if the persone that shall offende, and be conuict in fourme aforesaied, concerning any of the premisses shall not bee beneficed, nor haue any spirituall promocion, that then thesame persone so offendyng and conuict, shall for the first offence suffre imprisonment during syxe monethes, without baile or mainpryse. And if any suche persone, not hauyng any spirituall promocio, after his first conuiccion, shall eftsones offende in any thyng concernyng the premisses, and shall in fourme aforesaid be therof lawfully conuicted, that then thesame persone, shall for his seconde offence, suffre imprisonment during his life.

For singyng of songes or rymes

AND it is ordeigned and enacted, by the auctoritie aboueſaied, that if any persone or persones whatsoeuer, after thesaied feast of Penthecost next commyng, shall in any Enterludes, Plaies, songes, Rimes, or by other open wordes declare, or speake any thing, in the derogacion deprauing, or dispysyng of thesame boke, or of any thyng therin conteigned, or any part thereof, or shal by open fact, dede, or by open threateninges, compell, or cause, or otherwise procure, or maingtaine any Par-

ſonē, Vicar, or other Miniſter, in any Cathedral or Pariſhe Churche, or in chapel, or in any other place, to ſyng or ſay any cōmon and open prayer, or to miniſter any Sacrament otherwiſe, or in any other maner or fourme, then is mencioned in thaforeſaid booke, or that by any of theſaid meanes, ſhall vnlawfully interrupt or let any Perſone, Vicar, or other miniſters in any Cathedrall or Pariſhe Churche, Chapell, or any other place, to ſyng or ſay common and open prayer, or to miniſter the Sacramentes, or any of theim, in ſuche maner and fourme, as is mencioned in theſaid booke, that then euery perſon beyng therof lawfully conuicted, in fourme aboueſaid, ſhall forfet to the kyng our ſouereigne Lorde, his heires and ſucceſſors, for the firſt offence ten pouñd. And if any perſon or perſons, being once cōuict of any ſuche offence, eftſones offende againſt any of the premiſſes, and ſhall in fourme aforeſaied, be therof lawfully conuict: that then theſame perſon ſo offending and conuict, ſhall for the ſeconde offence, forfet to the kyng our ſouereigne Lorde, his heires and ſucceſſors. xx. pound. And if any perſone after he in fourme aforeſaied, ſhall haue been twiſe conuict of any offence, concerning any of the premiſſes, ſhall offende the third tyme, and be therof in fourme aboueſaied lawfully conuict, that then euery perſone ſo offending and conuict, ſhall for his third offence, forfet to our ſouereigne lorde the kyng, al his goodes and cattalles, and ſhall ſuffre emprſonment during his lyfe. And if any perſone or perſones, that for his firſt offence concerning the premiſſes, ſhalbe conuict in fourme aforeſaied, do not paie the ſome to be paied by vertue of his conuiccion, in ſuche maner & fourme, as theſame ought to be paied, within ſyxe wekes next after his conuiccion, that then euery perſone ſo conuict, and ſo not paiyng theſame, ſhall for theſame firſt offence, in ſtede of theſaied. x. pound ſuffre imprſonment, by the ſpace of thre monethes, without baill or mainprize. And if any perſone or perſones, that for his ſecond offence, concerning the premiſſes, ſhalbe conuict in fourme aforeſaied, do not paie the ſome, to bee paied by vertue of his conuiccion, in ſuche maner and fourme as theſame ought to be paied, within fyue wekes next after his ſaid ſecond conuiccion, that then euery perſone ſo cōuicted, and not ſo paiyng theſame, ſhall for theſame ſecond offence, in the ſtede of theſaid. xx. pound ſuffre emprſonment during fyue monethes, without baill or mainprize.

AND it is ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritie aforeſaied, that all and euery Juſtices of Oyer and Determiner, or Juſtices of aſſiſe, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie in euery of their open and generall ſeſſions, to enquire, heare and determine, all and all maner of offences, that ſhalbe committed or doen contrary to any article, conteigned in this preſent act within the limittes of the commiſſion to them directed, and to make proces for the execucion of theſame, as thei maie do againſt any perſon, being endited before them, of treſpaſſe or lawfully conuicted therof.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaied

meane wherof the kynges highnes hath not onely been destitute of the-
same souldiors in tyme of nede, but also the owners of the saied Horses
and Harnes, who sent them thether, haue been vntruly deceiued of their
Horses and Harnesses, being therby lesse able to refurnish other the like
souldiors with Horse and Harneses at suche tyme as they shalbe there-
vnto commaunded by the kynges highnes. And sometime the Capitai-
nes of suche souldiors departed, haue demaunded, had and taken of the
kynges highnes, wages for thesame souldiors so departed, by meane
wherof, the kynges maiestie hath sustained and borne great paumentes,
and yet his maiestie hath not been truly serued for the same, not lytle to
the displeasure of the kyng, and to the great charge of the poore subiec-
tes, beyng commaunded to set furth suche souldiors. For remedy wher-
of, bee it enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, with the assent of the
Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present
parliamēt assembled, and by the authoritie of thesame, that if any sould-
ior hereafter seruing the kyng in his warres, in any his dominions, or
on the seas, or beyond the seas, or in Scotlande, after the first date of A-
pryll next comming, do sel, geue awaie or wilfully purloine, or otherwise
exchaunge, alter, or put awaie any horse, Geldyng or Mare, or any har-
nes wherewith he shalbe set furthe, that then euery suche souldior so of-
fending, vpon due proffe or testimony, to bee taken before the Lieute-
naunt, high Admiral, the kynges deputie, viceadmiral, Wardein or ca-
pitain, and in their absence before any of their deputies, shalbe impriso-
ned by thesame Lieutenaunt, or any other before named, there to remain
without baill or mainprise, vntyll he haue satisfied to the partie, owner
of the Horse, Geldyng, Mare or Harnes, so by him solde, purloined, ex-
chaunged, wylfully lost altered or otherwise made awaie. And if suche
souldior so offending, fortune to escape from the lieutenaunt, and other
the foresaid persons, without the punishment and restitucion aforesaid,
that then thesame souldior, vpon complaint made by the partie greued,
or his executors or administrators, vpon due proffe therof to bee made
to any Justice or Justices of Peace, in the parties where suche souldior
so offending shalbe found, shalbe by suche Justice or Justices commit-
ted to Ward, there to remain without baill or mainprise, vntyl he haue
satisfied the partie greued, his executors or administrators, of and for
suche Horses Geldynges, or Mares and Harnes, so by any suche sould-
ior wilfully lost, exchaunged, altered or otherwise purloyned.

PROVIDED alwaie, that if thesaied souldior, bring any sufficī-
ent warraunt or testimony, before thesaied Justice, from thesaied lieute-
naunt, or any of the persons aboue named in writyng vnder the seale of
any of theim, testifiyng that thesame Horse or harnes, were loste in the
kinges seruice, against the wyl of thesaid souldior, or that thesame horse
or Harnes, was taken by thesaid lieutenaunt, or any of thothers before
named, from thesaied souldior, for any reasonable respect, and appoync-

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ted to some other, to serue in the place & stede of thesaied souldior: that the euery suche souldior, not bryngyng to the owner thesaied Horse and Harnes shalbe discharged thereof, against the owner thereof. And that then euery suche souldior to whom thesaied Horse or Harnes shalbe appointed, as is aforesaid, not bringing home to the owner, thesaid Horse and harnes, after he shalbe discharged, to suffre like pain as is aforsaid

AND be it also further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that if any souldior seruing as is aforsaied, depart without licence of the lieuetenant, or any of the other aboue named, with bote or otherwise beyng in the enemies countrey, or els where in the kynges seruice, or out of any Garrison, where he or they shalbe appoynted to serue, that then euery suche souldior, so departing without licence, to be taken and iudged as a Felon, and to bee executed as in case of Felony, without hauing any aduauntage of his Clergie or Sanctuary, and that the iustices of euere Shire, where any suche souldior shalbe taken, shall haue full power to enquire, heare and determine, all and euery thesaied offences, concernyng euery suche departure, as they do and may in other cases of Felony, commytted in the Shire, where suche souldior shalbe taken.

AND be it also further enacted, by the aucthorite aforesaied, that if any Commissioner or Capitain, to whom the kyng shal direct his commaundement, by commission or letters, for the leuyng or settyng furth of any man, to serue the kyng in his warres, shall at any tyme after thesaied first daye of Aprill, for any gain, rewarde, or other lucre, discharge any persone or persones, by him appointed to serue the kyng, as a Capitain, souldior or Pioner, of his seruice so appointed and doo assigne, any other persone or persones in his or their stede, for any lucre or gain as is aforesaid: that then euery Commissioner, or other persone so offendyng shall forfeit to the kyng, for euery suche defaut, of euery manne so discharged. xx. pound to be leuied of his goodes and cattalles.

AND be it also enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaied, that if any Capitain beyng appointed to haue the ordre of any nombre of souldiors, vnder any other higher officer, doo for any cause lycence any souldior in his retinue, to depart frō the felde or fortresse, where they shalbe appointed to serue, without the especiall assent and licence in wrytyng of the lieuetenaunt, or the others before named, shall forfeit and lose for euery suche souldior, so by him licensed to depart. xx. pound to be leuied as is aforesaied, to the vse of the kyng.

AND be it also enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that if any lieuetenaunt, or any other before named, hauing the ordre of any nombre of souldiors, seruing as is aforesaied, vpon the sea or lande, doo at any tyme after thesaied first date of aprill demaunde, receyue, or take of the kinges highnes, or any of his threasurers, any wages for any more souldiors, then serued in such maner and forme, as the wages was paied for or for any mo daies then suche souldiors serued, & doo not note the date

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of euery souldiors entrie into wages, and date of his death and departure, and deliuer the same to such threasurers, as shall paie the saied wages, euery moneth in writing, so as the truthe of the nombre of the souldiors, maie appere to the kynges Threasaurer, and Maister of the kynges Musters, for the tyme beyng in that behalfe, that then euery suche lieuetenaunt, and other before named so offending, shall forfeit and lose to the kyng, for euery suche defaute. x. pou̅d, to be leuied as is aforesaid, to the vse of the kyng, and to be imprisoned by the space of one moneth, and to lose his roume and office.

AND be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that no Capitain after the saied first date of Aprill shall geue to any of his souldiors, appoynted to serue vnder hym, in any toune or Fortresse, kepte with garrisons of souldiors any licese or passeportes, to depart from his seruice, but onely the lieutenaunt or any others as is aforesaied, vpon paine of imprisonment aswell of the capitain as souldior so offending at the discretion of the saied Lieutenaunt, or the others before named.

AND bee it further enacted, by thaucthoritie aforsaied, that euery Lieutenaunt, and other before named, vpon the paine of. x. pound shall cause to be proclamed, the whole effect and contentes of this act. That is to saie, euery Lieutenaunt of any armie, in euery felde vnder his charge, to proclame this act euery moneth, and that euery of the kynges deputies of euery fortresse, and Capitain of any other Fortresse, to proclame this act within his charge once euery quarter of a yere.

AND also bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, for the better execution of the premisses, that euery persone or persones geuing to the Lieutenaunt, or the others aboue named, true informacion of any of the offences aboue remembred, shal haue for his labor one monethes wages, of hym that shalbe found fautie, to bee paied by the hand of the Threasurer, vpō warraunt of the saied lieuetenaunt or any of the others aforesaied.

PROVIDED alwaies, that nothyng herein conteigned, shall in anywise extend to touche or infringe any orders, establyshed for the gouernement of Calice, and the Marches of the same, or any other place of the kynges now gouerned, or hereafter to bee gouerned by the same orders, or by suche ordres as may please his grace, hereafter to set furthe for the same.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe leful to all and euery of the saied lieuetenauntes, and other the saied persones, to reteigne in his or their awne handes, to their awne vse, of the wages of his or their souldiors, the sommes folowyng, that is to saie. vi. shyllynges. viii. pence for the lyuery or cote of euery poman souldior, and. xiii. shyllynges. iiii. pence for the liuery or cote, of euery gentleman souldiour for one whole yere.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it further ordeigned and enacted,

by thē aucthoritie aforesaid, that no maner of lieutenaunt, or any other thesaied persones, shall hereafter be charged or preiudiced by vertue of this act, or any thing therin conteined, for lacke of his or their nombre reteigned, as is aforesaid, for, or concerning any souldior or souldiors, as shall happen to dye duryng his seruice, or to be sicke by the visitaciō of God: or that shall depart against the wyl of his lieutenant, or other before named, onlesse it shalbe in the defaute of any of theim.

PROVIDED alwaies, that this act be not preiudicial nor hurtful to thesaied lieutenaunt, or any other thesaid persones, nor any other hauing vnder them retinue of souldiors, nor any of theim, for none paiment of the kynges wages, to their housholde seruauntes and other to whom they shall daily finde and geue meate and drinke, during thesaid seruice of warre.

PROVIDED alwaie, that this act nor nothing therein conteygned, shall extende to charge any persone or persones, for the taking or receiuing of any gift or reward of any of his or their tenauntes or frendes, towardes the relief, aide or helpe of thesame persones, beyng commaūded by the kynges maiestie, to serue in warres, or otherwise to finde mēne on horesebacke, or on foote, aswel within this realme or without. Nor for the gift, rewarde, ayde, or helpe, reserued or couenaunted to bee paied or geuē to any persone, appoincted to serue in warres, or to finde horse or men, to serue by reason of any graunt, couenaunt, reseruacion, custome or tenure.

PROVIDED, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteined, shall nat extende to charge any lieutenaunt, or others aboue named, for deteining or reteining, any part of any saied souldiors wages, toward or for the paiment of Victailes, Harnes, Weapons, or for any prest money prouided and deliuered to any suche souldior.

The. iii. Chapiter.

An act touching Purueiors.

THE kynges moste excellent maiestie, is pleased and contented, by thaduise of his honorable Counsail, at the humble peticion, sute, and complaint of his louing and obedient subiectes: that it be enacted by his highnes, with the consent of the Lordes and Commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of thesame, that from and after the feast of sainct Jhon the Baptiste, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde GOD. M. ccccc. xlix. vntill thesaied feast of sainct John the Baptiste, whiche shalbee in the yere of our Lorde GOD. M. ccccc. lii. no Purueior or taker, or any other persone or persones, by aucthoritie of any commission or commissions, or other wryting or writinges, heretofore graunted or made, or hereafter to bee graunted or made, by the kynges maiestie,

ſtie, or by any other warrant, letter or aucthoritie whatſoeuer ſhall puruey or take for the prouiſion of the kynges Maieſties moſte honorable houſhold, or for the prouiſion of the houſholdes of the kinges maieſties ſiſters, or any other perſon or perſons, any Corne, Grain, Malt, Veale, Calues, Lambes, Kiddes, Hennes, Chekins, Capons, Wildfoule, Butter, Cheeſe, Egges, Bieues, Muttons, Fiſhe, Timbre, Woodde, Cole, Strawe, Haye, or any other kynde of vittailes, wythout the full aſſent and conſent, of the owner or owners, of theſame, and at ſuche prices, for ready money, or money to be paied at ſuche dates and places, as ſuche purueior, taker, or other perſon or perſones, can and ſhal agree wyth the owner, or owners of theſame.

AND be it further enacted, by thauthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that from, and after the feaſt of Chriſtemas, whyche ſhalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, M.v.C.xlix. vntill the feaſt of Chriſtemas whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M.v.C.lu. no purueior or any other perſon or perſones, by aucthoritie of any commiſſion or commiſſions, or other Writyng or Writynges, heretofore graunted or made, or hereafter to be made or graũted, by the kynges maieſtie, or by any other warrant, letter, or aucthoritie whatſoeuer, ſhall puruey or take, for any of the kynges maieſties affayres, or for any other cauſe or matter, concernyng the warres, or otherwyſe any goodes, cattalles, trees, timbre, or other thynges whatſoeuer (ſauing only barges, ſhyppes, and other veſſels, cartes, tariages, and thynges neceſſarie for carryages) wythout the aſſentes and ful agrementes, of the owner or owners of theſame, and at ſuche price and priſes, for redy money, or money to be paied, at ſuch dates and places, as any ſuche purueior, taker, or other perſone or perſones, can, or ſhall agree with the owner, or owners of theſame. And if any purueior or taker, or any other perſon or perſones ſhall after any of the ſaid feaſtes, of ſainct Jhon Baptiſt, and Chriſtmas next comming, procure or attempt, to take or puruey for the kynges maieſtie, or for any other perſon or perſones, any vitailes or other thynges whatſoeuer, contrary to the true meanyng of this act: That then ſuche taker, purueior or any other ſuche perſone or perſones ſo offendyng, ſhall forfait to the partie or parties greued, treble the value or values, of the thing or thinges ſo taken or purueied, and ſhal alſo ſuffre empriſonmẽt, by the ſpace of one quarter of a yere, without baile or mainpriſe, and ſhall make fine at the kynges wyll and pleaſure: For the which forfaiture, the partie or parties greued, ſhall haue his remedy by accion of debt, information or otherwyſe, in any of the kinges Courtes of Record, in which accion, ſute or information, no eſſoyn, wager of lawe, or protection ſhalbe allowed.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it ordeined and enacted by thauthoritie aforeſayed, that it ſhall and maie be lefull, duryng the yeres beforе ſpecified, to any perſone or perſones, by aucthoritie of the kynges commiſſiõ or commiſſions, or by auethoritie of any letter or Commiſſiõ

to be directed from the Lorde Protectors grace, or from any two of the kynges preuy counsaill, or from the Master of the Postes, or from any the kynges Lieuetenauntes, Generalles, Deputies, wardens, or any of their deputies in his warres, to take Poste Horses or Geldinges for the onueighyng or cariyng, of any persone or persones, about the kynges maiesties affaires, paiyng to the owner or owners, of suche Poste Horses or Geldynges, after the rate of one peny for euery mile, any thyng or matter, conteined in this act, to the contrary therof in anywise notwithstandyng.

AND where the kinges maiestie, doth allowe for euery carte, cariyng his graces cariages of household, two pence for a mile cariage, It is enacted by the aucthorite aforesaied, that from and after the feaste of sainct Jhon Baptist next comming, vntill thesaied feast of sainct Jhon Baptist, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a.M.v.C.lii. there shalbe allowed and payed, to the owner or owners, of euery suche carte, cariyng the kynges cariages, of hys household. iiii.d. for euery mile cariage. And for the cariages of any other of the kynges cariages, for the warres or otherwise during the yeres aforesaied. iii.d. for euery mile cariage: Any lawe, vsage, or custome, hertofore had or vsed, to the contrary in anywyse notwythstandyng.

The.iiii.Chapiter.

An act for the Sheriffes, to haue certain allowaunces, vpon their accomptes.

MOste humbly beseechen the kynges moste excellent Maiestie, his true and faithfull subiectes, the commons in this present Parliament assembled: That where in the Parliament begonne at Westminster, the.xvi. day of January, in the xxviii. yere of the reigne of our late souereigne lord of famous memory king Henry theeight, and by prorogation holden at Westminster the.xxii. dai of January, in the.xxviii yere of the reigne of our saied late souereigne lorde, and there contmued vntill the.xi. date of Maie, in the.xxxv. yere of the reigne, of thesaid late kyng: Upon diuerse and sondry considerations, there was enacted and made one act, by the auctheritie of thesame Parliament, concernyng the accompt or accomptes of Sheriefes, to be made in the exchequier as in thesame act more plainly at large it is conteygned. And albeit it was ment, at the time of the makyng of thesaied act, as it maie appere by the wordes of the saied act, that Sheriefes should not bee charged vpon their accoptes, but only with suche somes of money, as thei might lawfully leuie: And also that thesaied Sheriefes, should haue allowaunce, not all onely for suche charges and expences, as thei should sustein and beare for the dieties and charges of the Justices of Assise, but also for

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other necessary charges and expences, by them susteined, in, and aboute the exercisyng of their saied office: Yea neuertheless, thesaied Sheriefes are and haue been, sythen the makyng of thesayed acte, more and more charged, vexed, and troubled, then they were before, to the great impouerishement, of men of worshyp & Gentlemen, within thys Realme, that haue been Sheriefes, and so is very lyke to be, to all suche as hereafter shalbe Sheriefes, if remedy be not prouided in this behalf: It may therfore please the kynges moste excellent maiestie, that it maie be enacted, and stablished, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of thesame, that thesaied former act, and all clauses and sentences, in thesame conteined, shalbe frō henceforth, clearly frustrate & voyde to al intētes and purposes, other then hereafter in this act shalbe specified

AND that it maie be enacted, by thys present parliament, that the Sheriefes whiche shalbe made, from henceforth within all the Shires of England: and also suche as haue not made, and finished their accōpt or accomptes, shall haue suche and lyke tayles of rewarde, and al suche other allowances, as they had, before the makyng of thesaied former act or els thesame Sheriefes, whiche shalbe, or heretofore haue been, to bee at their election and choyse, to accompt, and all other thynges to do, accordyng to the aforesaied former act. And that they and euery of them, that so shall accompt, and take no tayle of rewarde, shalbe in, and by all thinges intreated, in the kinges Exchequier, as though thesaied former act were, and should continue, in his full strength and effecte, any thyng before specified notwythstandyng. And that thesame tayles of reward, and euery of them, by force of this present act, without any further warrant or warrantes, to be obteigned for thesame, shalbe leuied or striken, at the receipte of the kynges Maiesties Exchequier, in due maner and forme, with suche lyke letter or writynges, vpō thesame tailes, and euery of them, as before the makyng of thesaied former acte were and haue been accustomed, to bee leuyed and stryken. And that thesame tayles so hereafter, there to be leuyed and stryken, shalbe delyuered vnto euery of thesame Sheriefes, or their sufficient attorney for them, wythout prest, or other charge to be set vpō them for thesame. And that this act shalbe a sufficient warrant and discharge, vnto the Threasauret of England, & all other officers, wythin thesayed receipt, for strykyng, leuyng, and deliuery of thesaied tayles, and euery of them. And further, that al those Sheriefes, that hereafter shalbe made, wythin those shires of England where as no tayles of reward, heretofore haue been, by the kinges Maiesties moste noble progenitors, geuen and graunted, and suche Sheriefes as shall hereafter, take no tayle of rewarde, shall in consideration of their greate costes, charges, and expenses, whiche they shall beare and sustein, aswell by the dietes of the Justices of Assises, as by any other meanes, haue vpon the ende of their accomptes, and of euery of them,

suche alllowances, vpon a peticion to be made by thesame Sheriefes, or any of them in a byll to be brought in, by thesame Sherief, and euery of them of their saied costes and charges, vpō which billes, thesame Sheriefes to be sworne in their owne proper persones, or by their vnder sheriefes, or lawfull attorney, there vnto admitted, to be true, without warrant or tayle, suyng for thesame. And also that all sheriefes, which hereafter shall take no tayle of reward, and euery of them, shalbe discharged vpon their accomptes, of al suche fermes, goodes, cattalles, profites, casualties, and somes of money, whiche thei might or should bee charged with vpon their accomptes in thesaid Exchequer, by what title or name soeuer thei be named or vpon whatsoeuer person or persons, thei shalbe streated, or out of whatsoeuer landes and teneinentes, thei shalbe going furthe, as they cannot leuy nor come by. And that all other Sheriefes, whiche hereafter shall take any tayle of rewarde, shall in lyke maner be discharged, of all suche fermes, and somes of money aforesayed (excepte onely of the vicountelles of their shires, wherwith they shalbe charged, and answerable as thei were before the making of the aforesaid former act.) And also thesame Sheriefes, of euery shire of Englande, that now bee or heretofore haue been, or that hereafter shalbe, and euery of theim, shal haue plain deduccion and allowance, in their saied accomptes, of al suche some and somes of money, as they, or any of theim, shall make, or haue made true peticion, of, for, or cōterning suche possessions, and hereditamentes, as be come vnto, or were in the kinges maiesties handes, or any hys progenitors, by vnitie of possession, or by any meane, out of the which any part or parcel, of the aforesaied vicoūtelles, were at any time heretofore leuiable or leuied. And that the Lorde Threasaurer, Chamberlain, Chancellor, and Barons of thesaied exchequer, or in the absence of thesayed lorde Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, and Chañcellor thesaid Barons, shall by aucthoritie of thys act, geue, and make allowance, deduccion, and exoneracion, to euery of thesayd Sheriefes, of thesayd fermes, and of all other thynges, wythout any other warrant.

PROVIDED alwaie, that euery of thesayd sheriefes, at his daie of prefiction, immediatly after ẏ he or his deputie, or attorney, is sworne to accompt for thissues and profytes, of his office of Sheriefwicke, shall by hymself, or by hys attorney, or deputie sworne for hym, when he shall aunswere before the lorde Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, Chauncellor, and Barons of thesaied Exchequier, or in the absence of thesayed lorde Threasaurer, Chamberlain, or Chauncellor, or of any of them: then before suche of thesaied lorde Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, or Chauncellor, and of thesaied Barons, as then shal happen to be present, in thesaid court of Exchequier, to bryng in, and deliuer into thesayed Court, Rolles, or Cedules, of parchement, conteinyng in them truly, wythout omission or concealement, al suche particuler somes of money, which he hath leuied, or lawfully might haue leuied, to his wetyng or knowlege, with-

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in hys Bailywicke, as parte or parcell, aswell of thesaied fermes, called vicountelles, in thesaied former acte expressed, as of all other fermes, of what name or title soeuer thei be called, being streated, written or otherwise charged, to any of thesaied Sheriefes out of thesaied Court of Exchequer, makyng expresse and distinct mencion, in thesame Rolles or cedules, as nigh as he or they can or mate of what persone, and what landes and tenemētes, and for what cause, thesame particuler somes of money, and euery of thē, be leuied or leuable: And that after thesame Rolles or Cedules so deliuered, and the particuler somes of money, in them conteigned, apperteignyng to their proper fermes, cast and rated in thesaied Court, thesaied lorde Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, Chauncellor, and thesaied Barons, in the absēce of thesaied Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, or Chauncellor, or any of them for the tyme beyng, shal haue full power and aucthoritie by this act, for the leuying and recouery of suche parcelles, belongyng to any thesaied fermes, called vicountelles, or any other fermes, by what name or tytle soeuer thei shalbee called beyng omitted out of thesaied Rolles or Cedules, and for satisfying of other, the kynges auncient rightes and inheritaunces, answerable in thesaied Exchequier, whiche be nowe wrongfully withdrawen or vnlustly withholden from the kynges maiestie his possessions: and shall haue power and aucthoritie, from time to tyme, to award suche proces and vse suche conuenient wates and meanes, by Commission or otherwyse, accordyng to the course of thesaied Exchequer, and further as shalbe deuised by their discrecion: so that the kynges maiestie, his heires and successors, mate be truly answered of thissues and profites of thesame, this act, or any other statute, act, ordinaunce, or vse heretofore, to the contrary had, made, or vsed, in anywyse notwithstandyng.

AND furthermore, that thesayed Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, Chauncellor, and Barons of thesaied Exchequer, or thesaied Baron, in the absence of thesaied Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, or Chauncellor, or any of theim, for the tyme beyng, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by their discrections, from tyme to tyme, to geue and allowe, vnto al and euery suche Commissioner or Commissioners, as they shall assigne and appoinct, by their discrecion, to enquire of thesaid fermes, and other the kynges rightes withdrawen, their resonable costes and charges, as frō tyme to tyme, to them shall seme good and conuenient.

The.v.Chapiter.

An act, touchyng the remittyng of refarmes, for three yeres.

THe kinges moste excellent maiestie, of his moste godly and verteous disposicō, by the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by aucthoritie of thesame, aswel for the aide and

relief of the poore,in the cities,boroughes,and tounes corporate,of this his realme of Englande,and countrie of Wales,as for the execution of other dedes of charitie and common wealth there: Ordeineth and enacteth,that suche fefarmes,and somes of money,paied for fefarmes,as by any citie,borough,or toune corporat,within this his realme of Englād or countrie of Wales,or by the bodies politique,or corporate,officers, or ministers of thesame,should,or ought to bee due and payable,to hys maiestie,his heires or successors,duryng three yeres next ensuyng,after the.xiiii.daie of Marche,in thys present yere of our Lorde G O D.M. v.C.xlviii.shal cease and not to be due,ne patable to his maiestie,ne his heires or successors,by any such citie,borough ne toune corporate,ne by any the bodies politique,or incorporate of them, ne of any of them,nor by thofficers,inhabitaūtes,and ministers of thesame, cities,boroughes, or tounes corporate,or any of them.And that this present act,shalbe to them,and euery of them,and to the successors,of euery of them,a sufficient warrāt and discharge,against his maiestie,his heires and successors for the reteinyng, and withholdyng of thesame fefarmes, and somes of money,duryng,thesayed three yeres.And that no processe or other sute, shalbe at any tyme had,or awarded,against them,or any of them,out of the Exchequier,or any other court for tharrerages therof,for,or in any of thesaied three yeres.

PROVIDED alwaies,and bee it enacted, by aucthoritie aforesaied,that asmuche of all,and euery suche somes of money,as should,or ought to bee due,to the Kinges Maiestie,or his heires, or successors,by any citie,Borough,or toune corporate,within Englande, or Wales,or by the bodies politique,of thesame or by any the officers,or ministers of thesame,or any of them,during thesaied three yeres,whiche maie be gathered,and collected of the issues,farmes or profites,for whiche thesayd fefarmes should bee paied, in case thesame had not been discharged, by this present acte,shalbe leuied,collected,gathered,payed,and answered, as it should haue ben,if this act had not be made,to been employed,and bestowed,in and about repairing of walles,bridges,settyng poore people on woorke, or other good dedes, in euery suche Citie, Borough, or toune corporate wher thesame should so haue been due,during thesaied three yeres,if this act had not been made,by the discretiō and appointment,of suche commissioners,as the kynges maiestie,shall particularly aucthorise and appoinct, for euery suche citie, borough,or toune corporate,in suche maner and fourme,as thesame commissioners shal assigne limite,and appoincte,or as by suche commission,shalbee declared or expressed,and not to the kynges Maiestie,hys heires or successors, in hys highnes courte of Exchequier,or in any other courte or place, to the vse of his maiestie hys heires or successors.

AND it is further ordeigned and enacted,by the aucthoritie aforesaied,that if any officer or clerke,of any his graces Courtes,at any time within

within, or after thesaid thre yeres, make out or write any manet of writtes, or other processes, or any extreates, Sommons, or other preceptes, whereby any of his saied subiectes, or any of thesaied bodies corporate, or other before rehersed, or any of them, shalbee in any wise arrested, attached, distreined, Sommoned, or otherwise vexed, inquieted or greued, in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes or cattal.es, or any of them, for or because of thesaied fefarmes, discharged for thesaid thre yeres, as is aforesaied, or any part thereof, he so offendyng, shall yelde and paie for recompence therof, to the partie greued, treble dammages and costes of the sute: And neuertheiesse, all and synguler suche writes, processe, extreates, and preceptes, so to bee made, for, or vpon any manet of thyng, discharged by this act shalbe vtterly voide, and of none effect.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that if the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, that nowe is, or any other of hys highnes progenitors, kynges of this realme, or any of theim, haue by hys, or their letters Patentes, or otherwise, lawfully graunted to any persone or persones, or to any body or bodies, politique or corporate, for lyfe, in fee or otherwyse any some, or somes of money, for any consideration or cause whatsoeuer to be had, paied, taken, or receiued, of any fee farme, or fee fermes, of any, such citie, borough or toune corporate, or of the bodies politique, or corporate aforesaied, or of, or by the officers, inhabitaumtes, or ministers of thesame cities, boroughes, or tounes corporate, or any of theim, that all suche some or sommes of money, so going out, or to be paied, of suche fee farme or fefarmes, shalbe paied yerely, duryng thesayed three yeres, by the saied ctties, boroughes, tounes corporate, bodies politique, and corporate, or by the officers, inhabitaũtes, or ministers of thesame, to euerie suche person and persones, that of ryght ought by reason of such letters Patentes, or by any other lawful meane, as is abouesaied, to haue, take or receiue, suche somme or sommes of money, goyng out, or to bee taken or patable, of suche fefarme or fefarmes, and the kyng thereof not to be charged, in his Exchequier, ne els where, duryng thesaied three yeres onely. And that euery such person and persons, and body, and bodies politique, or corporate, that should or ought to haue, any suche some or somes of money, as is beforesayed, duryng thesaied three yeres, shall haue their remedy for thesame, by accion of debte, or writ of Annuitie, in any of the kynges Courtes of Record, against euery persone and persones, bodies politique or corporate, that ought to paie any suche fefarme, or, out of the which, any such annuitie, rent, or some of money, ought to be payed: any thyng in this act, to the contrary therof, in any wise notwithstandyng.

The.vi. Chapiter.

An act against the exaccion of money, or other thyng by any officer, for licence to trafficke into Iseland.

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FOrasmuche, as within these few yeres now last past there hath been leuied, perceiued, and taken, by certain of the officers, of the Admiraltie, of suche Merchantes and Fishermen, as haue vsed and practised the aduentures and iourneis into Islande, Newefounde lande. Irelande, and other places commodious for Fisshing, and the getting of fysshe, in, and vpon the seas, or otherwise, by waie of Merchauntes, in those parties, diuerse greate exaccions, as somes of money, doles, or shares of Fishe, and suche other lyke thynges, to the greate discouragement, and hynderaunce of thesame Merchaūtes, and Fishermen, and to no lytle dammage, to the whole common weale. And whereof also great complaintes haue been made, and informacions also yerely, to the kynges maiesties moste honorable counsail: for reformacion whereof and to thintent also, that thesayed merchauntes and Fishermen, maie haue occasion, the rather to practise, and vse thesame trade of merchandize, and Fisshyng frely, without any suche charges, or exaccions, as is before ymitted, wherby it is to be thought, that more plentie of Fishe, shall come into thys realme, and therby to haue thesame, at more resonable prices.

BE it therfore enacted, by the king our soueraigne lord, and the lordes and commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of thesame, that neither the Admirall nor any officer or minister officers or ministers, of the Admiraltie, for the tyme beyng, shall in anywise hereafter exact, receiue, or take, by himself, his seruaūt, deputie, seruauntes, or deputies, of any such merchaunt, or Fisherman, any some, or somes of mony, doles, or shares of fishe, or any other reward, benefite, or aduauntage, whatsoeuer it be, for any licence to passe hys realme, to the saied voyages, or any of them: Nor vpon any respect, cōcerning thesaid voyages, or any of them, vpon pain to forfeit for the firste offence, treble the some, or treble the value of the reward, benefite or aduauntage, that any suche officer, or minister, shall hereafter haue or take, of any suche merchaunt, or Fisherman. For the whiche forfaiture, the partie greued, and euery other persone or persones, whatsoeuer he or thei be, shall and maie sue for thesame. by informacion, byll, plaint, or accion of debte, in any of the kynges courtes of record, the king to haue thone moytie, and the partie complainyng, thother moytie: in which suite no essoin, protection, or wager of law shalbe allowed: and for the second offence, the partie so offending, not onely to lose and forfait his or their office or offices in the Admiraltie, but also to make fine and raūsome, at the kinges wyl and pleasure.

The. vii. Chapiter.

An act against the craftie and deceptfull byyng of Pencions.

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THe kynges moste excellent maiestie, the Lordes and commons, in this present Parliamẽt assembled, vnderstandyng that diuerse persons, seekyng vnhoneste and filthy gain, without respect, either of god, or due regard to the kynges maiestie, by sondry attemptes and practises, haue not onely extorted diuerse somes of money, of diuerse the kynges louyng Subiectes, hauyng pencions, by the kynges letters patentes, but also wyth slaunderous wordes towardes the kynges maiesties officers, and asmuche as in them lyeth, impeachyng the kynges proceedinges, haue for lytle money, or none, or other thyng geuen to some of the saied pencioners, supplanting them, bought of diuerse pencioners their pencions, had by suche patentes, beeyng their Relief to lyue by, to their vtter vndoyng: Be it enacted, by the kyng our souereigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the Commons, in thys present parliament assembled, and by auctheritie of thesame, that all, and euery persone and persones, that at any time heretofore, synce the first Session of the parliament, holden at Westminster, in the first yere of the reigne, of our sayed souereigne lorde the kyng, that now is, by any fraudulent, or deceiptfull waie or meanes, hath or haue gotten, or obteigned for money or otherwyse, any gyfte, graunt, bargain, or promise, or any pencioner or pencioners, of hys or their sayed patent or patentes, concernyng hys or their sayed pencion, graunted, or to bee graunted or assygned, out of any Maiours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, that dyd belong or appertaigne, to any of the late Monasteries, priories, Religious houses, Colleges Chauntries, Guildes, Fraternities, or other spirituall possessyons, or by reason of thesame, whiche came as well to the possession, of our souereigne Lorde the kyng, that now is, as to the late kyng of famous memory, kyng Henry the eight, by reason of dissoluciõ, atteindour, or surrendor, and before the last date of June next cõmyng, vpon a repayment, or lawfull tender of the money, or other thyng taken for thesame, by any suche Pencioner or pencioners, patent or patentes made to hym or them, dooe not redeliuer, to euery suche pencioner and Pencioners, patent and patentes aswell hys or their sayed patent and patentes, as all other wrytyng or wrytynges made concernyng thesame pencion. That then the saied gift, graunt, bargain, and promise, made of euery suche Pencion and patent, and euery of them shalbe voyde. And also that then, and from thencefurth, euery suche pencioner and patent, shall haue and enioye the pencion, by hym so geuen, graunted, Bargayned, solde, or promised, as though no suche gift, graunt, bargain, sale, or promise had been made, of hys or their sayed pencion, Fee, or Annuitie, notwithstanding any wrytynges made, sealed, or deliuered, betwene any suche parties, concernyng thesame.

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persone and persones, of, and for their seueral Pencions, Fees, and Annuities, due and to be due, to them or to any of theme ut of the premisses, or any part or parcell thereof, or by reason of thesame: Be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaied, that if the receiuor or receiuors, or any of them their assignes, deputies, clerkes or seruauntes, or the assignes, deputies, clerkes, or seruauntes, of any of them, hauing or whiche shal haue to do wyth the paiment, of any such Pencions, Fees, and Annuities, or, of any part or parcell of them, do not at all, and euery tyme and tymes, before the .x. daie of June, and the feast of the Purificacion of our Lady, nexte immediatly ensuing, euery daie and feast specified in euery such graunt or patent, for the payment of thesayed Pencions, Fees, and Annuities, vpon a reasonable request therof made to the saied receiuor or receiuors their assygnes or deputies, assygne or deputie or to hys or their clerkes, or seruauntes aboue sayed, by any of thesayed Pencioners, or grauntes or their seuerall deputies, attorneis, or assignes, or by the seuerall deputie, attorney, or assygne, of any suche Pencioner and grauntee, well and truly paye, vnto thesayed grauntes, and pencioners, their seueral deputies, attorneis, or assygnes, their pencions, Fees, and yerely Annuities, to theim graunted, and hereafter to bee graunted, durying their seuerall liues or otherwyse, according to the tenor & effect, of their seuerall graũtes, to euery of theim made, and hereafter to be made, wythout any further delay, not taking of thesaied grauntes, pencioners, or of any of thẽ, their deputies, attorneis, or assignes, for the paiment of any of their sayed Pencions, Fees, or Annuities, or for the more spedy paiment therof, to them, or, any of them to bee made, any other, or more some or somes of money, or any other thing or profite, but only for euery pound, of euery suche Pencion, Fee, or Annuitie to them payed. iiii. d. and for the acquitaunce of euery suche partie, truly payed of hys sayed Pencion, Fee, or Annuitie, yf thesayed partie, hys deputie or deputies, bryng and offre to delyuer none redy made. iiii. d. and not aboue: that then euery suche Receiuor or Receiuors, their deputie and deputies, clerkes, and seruauntes as aforesayed, to whom, any such reasonable request shalbe made, for the paiment of thesame, as is aforesayd, for euery tyme, that thesaied officer or officers, or hys or their deputie or deputies, or hys or their Clerke or clerkes, hauyng to do wyth the office or offices, of suche Receiuor, or officer, as is aforesayed, shall delay, or cause to be delayed; any thesayed grauntes or Pencioners, of the paiment of their pencions, Fees, or Annuities, or of any parte therof, after the .x. daie of June, and the feast of the Purification of our Lady, as is aforesayed, shall forfeit for euery suche delaye. C. s. And that also, yf any Threasaurer or Threasaurars, Receiuor or Receiuors, Officer or officers, or his or their deputie or deputies, or hys, or their clerkes, or any of them, as is aforesaied, for euery tyme that thei, or any of them, do exact, and take of thesaied pencioners, grauntes, or any of them, their deputies, attorneis, or assignes, or of the

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deputie, attorney, or assygne of any of theim, aboue the rates before declared, shall lose and forfeit, for euery tyme so exactyng and takyng ten tymes so muche, as thei or any of them shall so exacte and take, or cause to be exacted and taken. All which forfaitures, shalbe to the partie, that shall fynde himselfe greued, if he wil sue and demaunde thesame, within seuen monethes, next after thesayed forfaiture, in any of the kinges maiesties Courtes, of his Benche, Common place, or Exchequer, by accion of debte, by originall writte, byll, plainte, or informacion, in whiche sute no essoyn, protection, nor wager of lawe, shalbe allowed or admitted, for the defendant.

AND be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that the kynges Justices of Assise, and of Oyer and Determiner, in their seuerall circuites, and the Justices of peace, in euery countie, within this realme of Englande and Wales, at their generall Sessions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of thys acte, to enquire, heare, and determine all, and all maner of offences, hereafter to be doen and committed, contrary to the tenor of this acte, aswell by informacion, as by presentment of.xii. menne, and shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to award processe, vpon euery presentment, or informacion, had before thē, or two of them: whereof the one to be of the Quorum, of all and euery offence and offences doen and committed contrary to the tenor of this act, as in case vpon Inditement of trespas.

PROVIDED alwaie, that yf any suche pencioner, or grauntee, do not make request in proper persone, for paiment of hys, or their saied pention, or Annuitie, as is aforesayed, but doth require thesame, by hys deputie, attorney, or assygne, that then yf suche deputie, attorney, or assygne, do not bryng with him a letter subscribed, with the handes of one Justice of the peace of thesame shire, where thesaied pēcioner or graūtee is dwellyng, or els of the Surueior of thesame shire, for the tyme beyng wytnessyng thesame pencioner, or grauntee, to be then liuyng, that then thesaied Receiuor, and all other officer and officers, their deputies clerkes, or seruaūtes, to whome, request by any deputie, attorney, or assigne, of any of such pencioner, or grauntee, shalbe made, as is aforesaied, shal not be bound to paye, any suche some of money, to any deputie, attorney or assygne, of any suche pencioner or patent, by vertue of thys acte, not for none payment therof, shal incurre the daunger, of any payne or forfeiture, before mencioned: Any matter or thynge before expressed to the contrary in anywyse notwythstandyng.

PRDVIDED alwaie, and be it further enacted, by the thaucthoritie aforesaied, that this act, nor any thyng therein conteigned, shall not extende, to restrain any such Receiuour or receiuours, or other officer or officers as is aforesayed: but thei, and euery of thē, shall and may paie or cause to be paied, to any of thesaid pencioners, patentes, or graūtees their saied pencions Fees, and Annuities quarterly, accordynge to the

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tenor and effect, of their saied Patentes or grauntees, as thei haue heretofore done, any thyng herein, to the contrarie thereof notwithstanding.

The. viii. Chapiter.

An act, touchyng the findyng of offices, before the Exchetour.

WHere many and diuerse persones, holdyng, or that haue holden, landes, tenementes, or hereditamētes some for terme of yeres, and some by copie of court Rolle, haue been expulsed, and put out of their termes and holdes, by reason of Inquisicions or offices, founden before Exchetors, commissioners, and other, conteignyng tenures of the kyng, in *Capite*, entitlyng the kyng to the wardshyppe or custodie of suche landes or Tenementes, and sometyme entitlyng the kyng to the same, vpon attaindours of treason, Felonie, or otherwyse, by reason that suche Leasses, for terme of yeres, or interest by copie of courte Rolle, of suche persones haue not been fonnd, in suche inquisicions or offices: after whiche expulsion or puttyng out, the saied persones haue been wythout remedy, for the obteinyng of the saied Fermes and holdes, durying the kynges possession therin, and can haue no traucrs, *Monstrance de droit*, ne other remedy for the same, because their saied interest, is but a chatell in the lawe, or customary holde, and no state of free holde. And also, where any person or persones, hath any rent, commen, office, fee, or other profit *Apprendre*, of any state of frehold, or for yeres, or otherwise out of such landes or tenementes, specified in suche offices, or inquisiciōs, the saied rent, comen, office, fee, or profite, *Apprendre*, not found in the same office or offices suche persons are in like maner wythout remedy, to obtein or haue, the saied rent, comon, office, fee, or profite, *Apprendre*, by any trauerse, or other spedy meane, without great and excesse charges, durying the kynges interest therin, by force of suche inquisicion or office.

FOR remedy whereof, bee it enacted, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that where any suche office or inquisiciōs, is or shalbe foūden, omitting suche titles, interestes, or matters, as is aforesaied, that in all suche cases, euery leassee, tenaunt for terme of yeres, or copie holder and euery suche persone or persones, that haue or shal haue, any interest to any rent, common, or profite, *Apprendre*, for terme of yeres, lyfe, or otherwyse, out of any of the landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes conteyned in suche office or inquisicion, where the kyng, his heires or successors, is or shalbe entitled, as is aforesaid, to any suche landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, shall haue, holde, enioye, and perceyue, all and euery their leasses, and interestes for terme of yeres, or by copie of court roll rentes commons, offices, fees, and profite, *Apprendre*, in such maner, fourme, state, and condicion, as thei and euery of them, shoulde, or myght haue doen, in case there had been no suche office, or inquisicion founden, and as thei should, or lawfully myght, or ought to haue doen, in case suche Leasse,

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BE it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that in euery suche case suche heire and heires shal and may at his or their very full age, or after persecute a writte of Etate probandi, and sue hys or theyr liuerie, or ostre le main, as hys or theyr cases shall lye, and haue the profites of hys or their landes tenementes, or hereditamentes from the tyme of hys or theyr very full age, any suche vntrue office, or inquisicion or any law or custome, to the contrary, in any wyse not wythstandyng. Also where one person or more is or shalbe founden, heire to the kynges tenaunt by office or inquisicion, where any other persone is or shalbe heire, or yf one person or mo be or shalbe founden heire, by office or inquisicion in one countie, and an other personne or persones is or shalbe founde heire to thesame person in an other countie, or if any person be or shalbe vntruely founden lunatike, Ideot or dead. Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that euery person and persones greued, or to bee greued by any suche office or inquisicion, shall and may haue his or theyr trauerse to thesame immediatlye, or after, at his or their pleasure, and procede to triall therein and haue lyke remedie and aduauntage as in other cases of trauerse vpon vntrue inquisicions, or offices founden, any law, vsage or custome to the contrarye in any wyse not wythstandyng. Also wher it is or shalbe hereafter vntruely founde, by office or inquisicion, that any person or persones attainted, or that shalbe attainted of treason, fellony or premunire, is or shalbe seazed of any lãdes, tenemẽtes, or hereditamẽtes, at any tyme of suche treason, felony or offence committed or done, or any time after, wherunto any other person or persones hath or shall haue, any iust title or interest of any estate of freehold, that then in euery such case euerie personne and personnes greued there by, shal haue hys or their trauerse or Monstrance de droit, to thesame, wythout beyng driuen to any petition of tyght, and like remedie and restitucion vpon his or their title founde or iudged for hym or them therin, as hath been accustomed, and vsed in other cases of trauerse, although the kynges Maiestie hys heires or successours be or shalbe in suche case entitled to any suche landes, tenementes or hereditamentes by double matter of recorde, any law custome or vsage to the contrarie in any wyse notwithstandyng.

AND further, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that where any inquisicion or office is or shalbe founden by these wordes or lyke

quod de quo vel de quibus, tenementa predicta tenētur iurat, predict, ignorant, or els foundē holden of the Kyng *Per que seruic, ignorant*, or suche lyke, that in suche case suche Tenure, so incertenly founden, *de quo uel de quibus tenementa predict, tenentur ignorant*, shall not be taken for any immediat Tenure of the kyng, nor suche tenure so founden of the Kyng, *Per que seruic, ignorant*, shall not be taken any tenure in *Capite*, but in suche cases, *Amelius inquirendum*, to be awarded as hath been accustomed in olde tyme, any vsage of later tyme, to the contrarie notwythstandyng.

AND be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that where it is or shalbe founden, by any office or inquisicion, that any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, are or shalbe discended, remained, or comen to any heire wythin age, and in the kynges warde, or that ought to be in the Kynges warde, and that suche landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, are holden of the Kyng, immediatlie, where in dede thesame are or shalbe holden, of some other common personne, and not of the Kyng immediatlie: that in suche case suche heyre or heyres, shal and may haue their trauerse to thesame, within age, and lyke remedye, and restitucion vpon his or their tytle founden, or iudged for hym or them therein, as hath been accustomed and vsed, in other cases of trauerses, any law vsage or custome to the contrarie in any wyse, notwithstandyng. Also where the Kynges maiestie, by hys prerogatiue ought to haue, aswell suche landes and tenementes, as be holden of other persones, as holden of hymselfe, immediatly, whereof hys tenaunt holdyng of hym in chief dieth seazed (his heire beyng within age) vntyll suche tyme as leuerie be sued by suche heire, and that the meane Lordes, of whom thesayd other landes and tenementes, of suche heire be holden, vse to spare the rentes due to them for thesame landes or tenementes holden of them, duryng the kynges possession. And when suche heire hath sued, his or their liuery, they vse by distresse or otherwyse to compell thesayed heyre, to paie to them the arrerages of suche their rentes, for suche tyme as thesayd landes, or tenementes were in the Kynges possession by suche minoritie, where they should haue sued by peticion to the kynges maiestie, to haue obteined thesame out of the Kynges handes, if thei would haue thesame whych is to the great detriment, losse and hinderaunce of such heire and heires: For redresse whereof, be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that from henceforth suche meane lordes duryng such minoritie shall haue, receiue, and take thesayd rentes, by the handes of such the kinges officers, as shalbe appoincted to haue, receiue, and take the issues, reuenues, and profites of thesame landes and tenementes, so holden of suche meane Lordes duryng the minoritie and none age of suche heire and heires, and vntyll suche heire or heires, sue hys or theyr liuery, and that suche heire and heires vntyll suche tyme, as he or they shall haue sued their liuery, or might conueniently haue sued their liuery shalbe thereof clerely discharged. And that suche officer and officers

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shall vpon requeſt made, paye theſame to ſuche meane Lordes (thei geuyng to ſuche officer and officers, a ſufficient acquitaunce or acquitaúces for the receipte of theſame). And that ſuche payment thereof made, with acquitaunce or acquitaunces thereof ſhewed, ſhalbe to ſuche officers a ſufficient diſcharge, againſt the kynges maieſtie and his heires, vpon hys or their accompt, in that behalfe, any lawe, vſage, or cuſtome heretofore had or vſed to the contrary hereof, in any wyſe notwythſtandyng.

PROVIDED alwaies, and it is enacted by the aucthorite aforeſayed, that this act or any thyng therein conteined, ſhall not in any wyſe extende to any inquiſicion, or office taken or foundé at any tyme, before the .xx. date of Marche next commyng, nor to hynder, preiudice or take awaie the tytle, intereſt, or poſſeſſion of our ſouereigne lorde the king, or of any other perſon or perſons, growé or commé by vertue, meane or occaſion of any inquiſicion or office taken or founde before theſame date, but that aſwell our ſayd ſoueraygne Lorde the kynge, as all other perſon and perſons hauing any title, intereſt, or poſſeſſion by vertue, meane or occaſion of any inquiſicion or office, founde before theſame day ſhall and maye haue, holde, and enioye theſame in lyke maner and fourme as though thys act had neuer been had or made, any thyng in theſame act, to the contrary in anywyſe notwithſtandyng.

PROVIDED alſo, and it is enacted by the auctherite aforeſaid, that in all ſuche caſes as any perſone or perſons ſhalbe enabled by this acte to haue any trauerſe, and ſhall purſue hys or their trauerſe, that then he or they that ſhal purſue ſuche trauerſe, ſhal ſue one writte or ſeuerall writtes of *Scire facias*, (as the caſe ſhall require) againſt al and ſinguler ſuche perſones and perſone as ſhall haue intereſt by the kyng, or by hys patent or patentes, in lyke maner and fourme as is requiſite, vpon trauerſes, or peticious heretofore perſued. And that in euery ſuche *Scire facias*, the patentes or other defendauntes ſhall haue lyke plees and aduauntage, as they hadde in any *Scire facias*, before thys tyme awarded againſt any patente in any caſe of petition. And alſo that vpon euery trauerſe that ſhalbe purſued by vertue or meane of thys Acte, in ſuche caſe as the partie or parties that ſhal purſue any ſuche trauerſe ſhould by the ordre of the comen lawes of this Realme, haue been put to ſue by petition to the kyng, there ſhalbee twoo writtes, or ſearche, graunted in maner and fourme as lyke writtes haue been graunted, vpon petitions made to the kyng.

PROVIDED alſo, and it is enacted by the auctherite aboueſayed, that if after any iudgement ſhalbe geuen vpon any trauerſe, that ſhalbe tended or ſued, by vertue or meane of this Acte, it ſhall appere by any matter of record, that the kyng hath any other former tytle, tyght, or intereſt, to the Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other hereditamentes, mencioned in theſame trauerſe, that then theſame tytle, tyght,

and interest shalbe saued to the kyng, thesayd trauerse and Judgement there vpon geuen in any wyse notwithstandyng.

The.ix.Chapiter.

An acte for the true cozyng of Lether.

ALbeit diuerse good and holsome lawes and Statutes, haue been heretofore made, and deuised for the true tannyng, cozyng, and wozkyng of Lether, yet through the couetise of táners in ouer hastyng their wozke by dyuerse subtile, and cratty meanes, by negligence of the Serchers, and collusion of the Coziars, that by diuerse suche statutes were auctholized to trie thesayd Lether, and by the slaigth wozkmanshyp of the Cozdewaners, the kynges subiectes are not onely in their goodes, but also in the health of their bodies, muche endomaged by occasion of yll shoes, and bootes, made of euill Lether: Therefore as the malice of man encreaseth to defraud the entent of good lawes, so lawes must ryse against suche guyle, with the more seuerite, daie by daie, for the due repzesse of thesame: Be it therfore enacted, by Auctholitie of this present Parliament, that the actes made in the.xix. yere of the late kyng of famous memozie, Henry the.vii. and in the.xxiii. yere, of the moost noble and victozious kyng Henry the eyght, and al other actes and statutes heretofore made, concernyng Tanners, Coziars, and Cozdewainers, shall stande in their fozce and effecte, accozdyng to the tenoz of the same in all thynges, not altered noz repeled heretofore.

AND be it further enacted, by the auctozitie afozesaid, that no person occupiyng the feat oz mistery of a Coziar, Cozdewainer, cobler, ladler, Gyrdler, Letherseller, Bottelmaker, oz any other artificer, shal from and after the feast of Wighelmas next commyng, sel oz cause to be solde oz put to sale any backes oz hydes of any English kinde, of tanned Lether, vnwzought, oz in suche kinde as he shall bye thesame (Calues skinnes onely except) vpon paine of forfeiting, for euery hide backe, oz parcell of lether that he shall so sell contrary to this statute.x. shyllynges.

AND be it further enacted, that no person, other then suche as shal occupie the feates oz mistery of a Coziar, shal put to sale any maner Lether, cozied oz blacked, beyng vnwzought, oz vncut, vpon paine of forfaiture the Lether so solde.

AND be it further enacted, that no persone oz persones, whiche occupieth the mistery oz occupacion of Cozdewainers, shall after thesaied feast, make oz cause to bee made any bootes, shoes, startopes, oz slyppers, of Lether. but suche as shalbe made of good and sufficient tanned Lether, and well and truely cozyed after thys rate and sozte, that is to wytte, welte Lether, as that whiche should holde out wette: and dzye lether

ther,as it behoued to ſuche to be: And that theſaied Cordewainers, and euery of theim, ſhall putte in the inner ſoole of theſayed double ſooled ſhoes,bootes,ſtartoppes, and ſlyppers,Lether called the wombe, well and ſufficiently cozied, and in the treſwelles of the double ſooled ſhoes, the ſlancke of the hyde oz ſkynne,ſufficiently cozyed.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthozitie afozeſayd,foz the trew execution hereof, that the Maioz of the citie of London,and the Aldermen of theſame, foz the tyme beyng, ſhall yerely appoincte foure Serchers,and one ouerſeer,oz mo by his oz their diſcretion,to be ſwozne befoze theſayd Maioz and Aldermen,foz the tyme beyng,to do their office truly,whiche ſhall by vertue of thys acte, foure tymes in the yere at the leaſt,that is to ſaie:ones euery quarter,and oftener if nede require,make true ſerche and bewe, in all, and euery houſe and houſes, place and places,alwell within theſayd citie, and the ſuburbes therof, as in euery other place,within.iii.miles compaſſe of theſaied citie, where any Tanner,Cozier,Shomaker, oz cobler, doth oz ſhall dwell and occupie any of theſayed occupacions,foz al and euery bootes,ſtartoppes,ſhoes,and other thynges appertaynyng to the crafte oz miſterie of Shomakers, oz Coblers, made oz wzought, contrarie to the purpozte of thys Statute, and alſo foz all maner of Lether, and other thyng, appertaynyng to the crafte oz occupacion of Coziers,and Tanners,not well and ſufficiently cozied oz tanned,accozdyng to the meaning of this act And that all other Maiozs,Bailifes, and other hedde officers,in all other cities, Bozoughes, and Market Tounes of thys Realme, out of the circuite and compaſſe of theſaied.iii.miles,ſhall vpon paine of.xx.pounde euery yere,that they make default herein,appoincte and ſwere yerely.ii.iii.oz mo perſones of the beſt ſkylled men, within their offices,by their diſcretion to ſerche and bewe, within the pzecinct of their cities, Bozoughes, and Tounes,whiche ſhall.iiii. tymes in the yere at the leaſte, that is to wytte,once euery quarter of a yere, make lyke ſearche within their limites, and ſhall haue a marke oz ſeale pzepared foz that purpoſe as is aboue limitted,to be in London, and the ſuburbes of theſame. And that theſame ſearchers,oz one of them ſhall them ſelfes kepe theſayed Seale oz marke, and wyth theſame ſhall ſeale oz marke ſuche Lether as they ſhall fynde ſufficient,theſame ſearchers to haue foz their laboure,accozdyng as is limited in the Statute,made foz due ſearche,trial, and markyng of the lether in the.xxiiii.yere of kyng Henry the eyght.

PROVIDED alwaies,that no lether being once ſearched and ſealed oz marked as befoze ſayd, ſhalbe charged again with any other ſeale oz ſearche. And yf theſayd ſearchers oz any of them,do find any lether ſolde oz offered to be ſolde, oz wzought to be ſearched oz marked inſufficiently tanned, oz any lether not ſufficiently cozied, oz any ſtuffe made of ſuche lether,it ſhalbe lefull foz theſayd ſearchers,oz any of them,to ſeaze theſame Lether and ſtuffe,made of Lether,as fozfaited,and to reteigne

thesame in their custodie, tyll thesame be tried before the Maior, Bailifes, and other hed officers of euery Citie, Borough, Toune, where suche seazure shall happen to be made: thesame triall to be made by, vi. expert men at the appoinctment of thesayed hedde officers, and. ii. of the Aldermen of thesayd Cities, Boroughes, and Tounes, vpon the othes of the sayed Triers.

AND also be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that yf any persone wyll wilfully withstande or deny any suche searche to bee made according to the tenure of thys acte, as is aforesayed, or wyll not suffer thesayd searchers so sworne and appoincted to searche, to enter into hys or their house or houses, or other place where suche euyll made shoes botes, and other the premisses, or any lether, deceiptfully and falsely tanned or coried, is or shalbe suspected or knowen to bee: That then euery suche persone or persones so deniyng and withstandyng, and not sufferyng thesaid searchers so sworne and appoincted for the tyme being to enter and make searche, shall lose and forfait, for euery tyme so deniyng and wythstandyng, fyue poundes.

AND further, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that if the persones so to be assygned for the searche as is aforesayd, wyl or do make default in their searche and not searche .iiii. tymes of the yere as is aforesayd, except thei be letted by some lauful impediment, or do allowe or seale or cause to be sealed any Lether or stuffe, vnsufficiently tanned, coried or wrought, or do conceale any faultes founde in their Searche, that thei and euery of them, that shall make default in searche or allowe that is vnsufficient, or shall conceale defaultes founden, shall forfaite and lose. v. pounde for euery suche default, allowaunce or conseilement, wyttyngly done, and, so proued sufficiently against them.

PROVIDED alwaies, that it shalbe lauful to euery Cordeweiner or Shomaker, not onely wythin thesayed Citie of London, but els where with in this Realme of England, to make al maner of shoes, bootes, slippers, and other necessaries for Dukes, Earles, Lordes, Knyghtes, Ladies, Esquiers, Gentelmen, and Gentilwomen, of such lether, and other thinges apperteining to their facultie, as their pleasure is to haue them made, for their money, and to al other persōs as thei shalbe speake them. Prouided alwaies, & by it enacted by the aucthorytie aforesayed, that thei, ne any of them, shall put to sale, any shoes or bootes, of drye lether, betwene the last daie of Septembre, and the first dai of May, but to suche persones as shall so bespeake them.

AND for asmuche as by cariyng and conueyghyng of lether ouer the Sea, lether is growen now in suche vnreasonable price, that the cōmons of this Realme, cannot now haue for. xii. pence, that thei might in tymes past haue had for. viii. pence: Be it therefore enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons, that from and after the first daie of June, next commyng, shall shyp any backe or hydes

des or other lether or hydes, tanned, or vntanned, into the parties of beyonde the sea, shall paye for euery dycker of lether, called backes or hydes or other lether, or rawe hydes, treble custome.

PROVIDED alwaie, that thys acte shall not extende to any lycence already graunted, for caryng or conueighyng any lether ouer the sea, but that euery person which hath already obteined any suche licēce, maie shyp and cary thesame, payng such customes as thei might before the makyng of this act. And that no Shomaker, Cozier, or other person to this or their awne vse (Except tanners) shal bye any hide in the heare or vntanned, to put thesame to tanning, vpon payne to forfait for euery suche hyde. vi. shyllynges viii. pence. And be it further enacted, that euery tanner from henceforth, shall cut euery wombe of euery Ore hide. vi. inches brode, of euery stere hyde v. inches brode, and of euery Cow hide. viii. inches brode, of assise, in the narowest place, the whiche Ore hyde, stere hyde, or Cow hyde, that shall be tanned for and in the kynde of sole lether, vpon payne of forfayture for euery wombe cut les then so many inches brode of assise, as is aboue apointed. iii. shillinges. iiii. pence And that no tanner shal cut any hide for a backe, but such as shalbe sufficient and wel lethered, vpon paine of forfaiture of thesame back or backes, not being sufficient & well lethered And that no cozier which shal occupie the occupaciō of cozyng, shal hereafter refuse to cozrey any lether brought vnto hym redde, by any cozdewener or other artificer, that occupieth any tāned lether in hys occupacion, to the entent to be cozied, vpon reasonable agremēt for his paynes, thesame to be deliuered well and sufficiently cozyed to the owner therof within. xxiii. dates. All which forfaitures of somes of money aforesayd, shalbe deuided into. iii. equall partes, one parte wherof shalbe to the vse of our soueraigne lorde the kyng, and an other parte, to hym or theim that shall sue for thesame, and the thyrd part thereof shalbe to the vse of the citie, borough, or toune, wher the offence shalbe committed and done. And be it further enacted, that it shalbe lefull for euery manne to sue for thesame forfaytures of sommes of money, in any Courte or courtes of Recorde, by Bill, plainte, accion of debte, informacion or otherwyse: In whyche sute, no essoyne, wager of lawe, or protection, shalbe admitted or allowed. And all suche bootes, shoes, and lether, as shalbe found vnsufficiently wrought, tanned, or cozyed, and declared by thys acte to bee forfayted, shalbe seazed by thesayed searchers, or any other persone fyndyng the faulte thereof, and thesame stuffe forfayted, shalbe distributed as hereafter ensueth, that is to saie, suche stuffe so seazed within thesayed cytie of London, or wythin. iii. Miles compasse of thesame, to bee brought to the Guylde Hall in London, there to bee deuyded into. iii. partes, whereof one parte, to bee the first seazor of thesayed vnlawfull stuffe, and the other two parties to bee dystributed to thee poore folkes, aswel beyng with in the newe hospital of saincte Bartilmew in London

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as to ſuche poore houſholders, as ſhalbe inhabityng within the citie of London, or the circuite aforeſayd, at the diſcrecion of ſuche perſones as the Maior of theſayed citie, and .iiii. Aldermen of theſame, for the tyme beyng ſhall appoinct for theſame. And that all ſuche bootes, ſhoes, and Lether, as ſhalbe found within any their citie, Borough, Toune, wyth in this realme out of theſayd .iiii. miles cõpaſſe, vnſufficiently wrought tanned, or cored, as is aforeſayed, ſhalbe ſeaſed and taken as forfayted, and brought to the common hal of euery ſuche citie, Borough, or toune and other conuenient and open place, and .ii. partes thereof to be diſpoſed to the poore, and in other dedes of charitie, in thoſe partes, after the diſcrecion of the Maiors, Bailifes, hedde Boroughes, and .ii. other Aldermen of theſame citie, Borough, or Toune. And where no ſuche officers be, then theſame to be done by a Juſtice of Peace next adioyning and by the Conſtables of the toune or vyllage, where ſuche ſeaſure is or ſhalbe made, and theſayd ſearchers or fyrſt ſeaſor to haue the third part of ſuche forfaiture for their payne.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that no ſuch vnlawfull lether ſo forfaited, be conuerted to any bootes or ſhoes, to bee put to ſale again, vpon paine that euery perſõ that ſo ſhall conuert theſame to forfeit theſame ſtuf, ꝛ. vi s. viii. d, ouer for euery time ſo doing ꝛ offendyng.

PROVIDED alwaies, and bee it enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayd, that it ſhalbe lefull to all Cordewayners Shomakers, and Coblers, aboue mencioned, for the better auoiding of the paine abouesayed, on thẽ appoincted, in caſe they ſhould make, or ſell, any bootes, or ſhoes, of lether, not ſufficiently cored, from henceforth to cory and dreſſe by their ſelfes or their ſeruauntes, all ſuche lether, as they or any of theim ſhall conuert into bootes, ſhooes, ſlyppers, or other thynges appertey-ning, to the miſtery of cordewayners, or coblers, and none other: ſtatute in the .xix. yere of the king of famous memory, Henry the .viii. heretofore made to the cõtrary hereof, notwithſtãding. And for the better execucion of this preſẽt act, be it enacted that al iuſtices of aſſiſe, iuſtices of Gaole deliuery, iuſtices of peax and ſtewardes of frauncheſies, letes and laudaies, within their ſeuerall precynctes, and Maiors of London, for the tyme beyng, within theſayd .iii. myles, and all other Maiors, Bailifes, and other hedde officers of cities, Boroughes, and tounes, within their ſeuerall precinctes, out of theſayed circuite and compaſſe of .iii. myles, ſhal enquire of al the premiſſes, in their ſeſſions, lete or laudaie, and here and determin theſame, and alſo by their diſcrecions examin all perſons ſuppoſed to offende thys act, or any parte thereof.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that the Girdlers of this Realme, maie ſell their necke, wombes and ſhredes, of tanned Lether to any perſon or perſones, wythout any forfait, payne, or penaltie to bee yelded for theſame, any thyng conteyned in theſame, to the contrary not withſtandyng.

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PROVIDED alwaie, that it shalbe leful for all maner of Shomakers, Coblers, Sadlers, Spurriers, Bodgemakers, and all other artificers, vsyng lether in their arte, to bye all kind of tanned lether, beyng first sealed as aforesayed, to be conuerted to any thyng, belongyng onely to their occupacion, at Leden hall in London, vpon euery Mondaie in the yere, though neither the byer, nor seller, be free of the sayd citie of Lõden, without encurring any penaltie or daungier for the same any thyng in this acte conteigned, or any other thyng or thynges, to the contrarie hereof notwythstandyng.

PROVIDED also, that no person nor persones, shalbe molested sued or vexed, for any forfaiture or penaltie comprysed within this acte, except the sute thereof bee commenced wythin one yere after the offence committed.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that thys present act or any thyng therin conteigned, shall not in any wyse extend to be preiudiciall or hurtfull, to any lorde or lordes, person or persones, bodies politique, and corporate, or any of them, their heires or successours, or the heires or successours, of any of them, touchyng, any Fayre or Market, Seale, Serche, Libertie, Fraunchise, Priuilege, Profite, commoditie, Forfaiture, Fines, or Emolument, whiche they or any of them haue, or ought to haue, by any lawfull interest or title, before the commencement and begynnyng of this present Parliament, but that they and euery of them maie and shall haue, enioye, perceiue, take and kepe, all and singuler their Faires, Markettes, Seale, Searches, liberties, Fraunchises, Profites, Commodities, Forfaitures, and Fines rysyng, comyng and growyng by reason of this act, any clause, article or sentence, in this present act or statute, to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng. This acte to endure to thende of the next Parliament.

¶ The.xvi. Chapiter. An act, for the true makyng of Malte.

WHere diuerse and sundrie persons taking vpon the the arte and misterie of Maltmakyng, and sundry other persones tenderyng more their owne priuate lucre, gaine, and profit, then the holsome victelyng of the kynges maiestie, the nobilitie of this realme, and other hys graces Subiectes, haue nowe of late by their insatiable, couetous, and greade myndes, accustomablie, and commonlie made muche Malte, vnpure and vnseasonable, for that they haue made thesame malt in eight or nine daies wher in dede thesame cannot be wel and perfectly made, onles it haue the tyme & space of.xvii. daies, in the makyng therof. And where also diuerse and sundrie of thesaid makers of malte, com-

commonly haue and doo slackly and dysceitfully dyze the Walte, so by them made, foz that they would haue an mozdinate encrease thereof by the swellyng of thesayed Walte, whereby thesame Walt not beyng sufficiently dyzed, can not be kepte any longe tyme oz space, but it wyll be mustie and full of Weuelles, whereby no holsome dzynke foz mannes body can by any meanes be therof made, whiche is not only to the great perpll and daunger, of the nobilitie, and other the kynges highnes subiectes wythin thys Realme, and also to the great losse and decay of the common wealthe of thesame, but also an vtter impoueryshement of the Bzewers of thys sayed Realme, foz that thesayed Bzewers (ouer and besydes the vnholsomes of the Dzynke, whiche is commonly made therof) can not make so muche dzynke of fyftye Quarters of Walte, beyng so cupll dzyed and made, as they mpght and can make, of foztye Quarters beyng well and truely made. And also forasmuche as dyuerse and sondzye personnes myndyng and seekyng their owne pzyuate and excessiue gaine and pzofyte, forgettyng thereby their dutie and the ozder of charitie towardes the common welthe and theyr neyghbours in thys behalfe, doo commonlie vse to putte and myxe good Walte and cupll Walte together, and after putte thesame Walte to sale as good Walte, whereby many of the Kynges Subiectes haue been, and are lyke to bee very often deceaued to theyr greate losse and hynderaunce, contrarie to the honest, seemely, and Godly biyng, sellyng and communication, that should and ought to bee amonges Chzistian people, specyally in thynges concernyng the sustentacion and sustenaunce of mans bodie: Foz remedie whereof, it maie please the Kynges Maiestie, wyth the aduise of hys Lozdes Spirituall and Temporal and the commons in thys pzesent Parliament assembled, that it maie bee establyshed and enacted by aucthozitie of thesame, that no suche personne oz personnes at any tyme, and after the fyzste date of Marche nexte commyng, shall make any Barly malte (the monethes of June, July and Auguste, only excepte). But that thesame shall haue in makyng thereof, that is to saie: in the fat, flowze, steppng, and sufficient dzyeng of thesame Walte, thzee Wekes at the leaste, and that no suche personne oz personnes at any tyme wythin thesayed monethes of June, July, and Auguste, shall make any Barly Walte: Excepte thesame haue in the fatte, flowze, steppng and sufficient dzyenge the time and space of. xvii. daies at the least vnder and wythout whyche tyme and times thesayed malte can not bee well and perfytelie made, noz holsome foz mannes bodie: vpon paine to fozfaite and lose, foz euerie quarter of malte, whyche shalbe made by any personne oz personnes, contrarie to the Tenour, purpozte, and true meanyng of thys Acte, twoo shyllynges. And bee it further enacted by aucthozitie afozesayed, that no personne oz personnes, after the fyrste of Marche nexte commyng shall myngle oz put together any malte, not beyng well and sufficiētly made, oz being made of Mowburnt oz spired

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barly with other good Malte, and after put thesame so mingled to sale vpon payne to forfaite and lose, for euery quarter so myngled and put to sale, two shyllynges.

AND be it also further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that if any person or persones, after the last day of January nexte commyng, shall put to sale any Malte, whyche shall not be sufficiently and well troden, rubbed, and well fanned, wherby there may be conueniently fanned out of one quarter therof, halfe a pecke of dust, or more, that then the person so puttyng thesame to sale, shall forfayte and lose for euery quarter so put to sale. xx. pence. The moytie of all whyche forfaitures to be to the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, and the thother moitie thereof, to the party that wyll sue for thesame by accion of debt, byll, Plaint, or informacion in any of the kynges courtes, where in no protection, wager of lawe, nor essoyn nor iniunccion, shalbe allowed or admitted.

AND be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayed, that the iustices of peace in euery of their cessions, and also the steward in euery leete, shall haue full powre and aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, to enquire here, and determine aswell by presentment of. xii. men, as by accusacion or informacion of two honest wytnesses of, for, and vpon all and euerie the offences, and forfaytures aforesayed, aswell for the kyng, as for the partie that shall sue, procure, or cause thesame to be presented as is beforesayed. And that the Baylyfes and constables of euery borowe, or market toune, or other toune where any such malte shalbe made or put to sale, he shall haue full powre and aucthoritie, from tyme to tyme, to vewe, serche, and survey all suche Malt, as shalbe made or put to sale, within any of thesayd tounes. And if any of the, shal therupon fynd any Malte so put to sale, beyng euyl made or myngled wyth yll Malte, cõtrarie to the tenour and true meanyng of thys present acte: That then thesayd Baylyfe or Constable, so fyndyng any suche Malte euil made, or myngled, as is before sayed, wyth thaduise of one iustice of the peax, wythin thesame sheer, shall cause thesame to bee solde to suche persone or persones, and at suche reasonable pryce or pryces, and vnder the commen pryce of the Market, as to hys discretion shall seme necessarie and expedient. Prouided alwaye, and be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that this acte nor any thing therin cõteined shal not extend to charge, or be to the makyng of Malte for any mans owne prouision for his owne house or familie, neither preiudiciall to any person or persones, for or concernyng any of the offences or forfaitures aforesayed. Except he or they so offendyng, shall happen to be sued, presented and accused for thesame, in maner and fourme aforesayed, wythin one yere next after any suche offence or offences to bee done or committed, any thyng in this present acte to the contrary notwythstandyng: Thys present acte to continue vntill thende of the nexte Parliament.

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¶ The.xi. Chapter.

¶ An acte for true tannyng of Lether.

Where before this tyme diuerse good statutes haue been made for the true tanning of lether wherin cõsisteth a great common wealthe and commoditie to al mẽ. for that euery sorte of people of necessite must vse and haue Lether for diuerse and sundrie purposes: for lacke of true tanning wherof, euery man is not only put to great losse and charge, but also by the naughtines therof doeth take diuerse and sundrie diseases to the shortenyng of theyr lynes: and yet notwithstanding the said good statutes in that case prouided, it is manifest to al persons that there was neuer worse Lether, vsed or made wythin thys Realme, then hath lately been and nowe is vsed, and made within the same. ¶ The chiefe cause whereof commeth by reason of the euyl and disceiptfull tãning of the same Lether For albeit the Cozyer, and also the shomaker or other artificer, do his or their diligence neuer so wel, yet nothyng made therewith can be good, perfight, or profitable as it ought or should be, the Lether not beyng well and sufficiently tanned: the occasion of the naughtie tanning wherof groweth muche by the gredines of the game of the tãner, for that they couet to set forth the same to sale, w more spede and shorter time, then it can be wel and perfectly tanned, and haue hys due tyme requisite and necessarie for the true tannyng of the same. For where as in times past the hides or lether were wonte to lye in the tanne fattes by the space of one yere, or fyue quarters of the yere before it was taken out of the same fattes or put to sale, nowe for the spedy vtteraũce and tannyng therof they haue inuented diuerse and sundrie deceiptfull and craftie meanes, to haue the same lether tanned, sometime in thre wekes, and sometime in one moneth or syxe wekes at the most, as by craft of ouer lyming therof in their lyme pittes, or otherwise by laiyng therof in their fattes set in their olde tanne hyles, where it shalbe tanned with the hote ozis, taking vnkind heate in the same hyl, and sometime by putting of sething hote licre with their ozis into their tanne fattes, wher the same hydes or lether lye, which they moste commonlie do practize in the night time, and by diuerse and many other such craftie and subtile meanes, whereby they make lether to seme to them that haue not the knowlege or skyl thereof, to be aswel and sufficiently tanned within the space of thre wekes, or a moneth, or syxe wekes at the moste, as yf it had lyue in the fattes vntyll it had the full tyme requisite for the true tannyng of the same, whiche should haue been at the leaste by the space of thre quarters of a yere. For remedie whereof, and to the entente that Lether maie hereafter be sufficientlie and truely tanned, and haue hys full

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kynde and perfection as is requisite for thesame: Be it enacted by the kyng our souereyne lorde with the assent of the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authoritie of thesame, that al actes heretofore made, concernyng the true Tannyng of Lether not beyng yet repeled, shal stande in their full strength and force and be put in due execucion. And furthermore, that no person or persones occupiyng, or that hereafter shall occupy, the mistery or craft of a Tanner, shall after the first day of May next comyng, put any Tãned Lether to sale (Calues skynnes only except) Tãned or myxed with Ashen barke, Tapworth, Wele, Aches or Culuerdong. And that thesame Lether so put to sale hath lyen in the tãne Ooze wel and sufficiently wrought and chaunged by the space of thre quarters of one yere at the least, vpon payne that euery such person or persones, puttyng any Tanned Lether to sale Tanned contray to the fourme of this statute, shall forfaite the same Lether so put to sale, and further for euery hyde therof. vi.s. viii.d. And that it shalbe leful to euery person or persones, to seaze thesame Lether so put to sale contrary to this act as forfayte. And he that shall so seaze thesame Lether, shall haue the one halfe of thesame Lether so seazed, and the kyng the other halfe, and that he that wil sue forthesame forfaiture of. vi.s. viii.d. for euery of thesame Hydes so forfaite as for thesayd Lether so forfaited, as is aforesayd, by way of informacion, byll, plaint, or action of debt in any of the kynges courtes of Recorde, wherin no wager of lawe, Essoyne or Protection shalbe allowed, shall haue the one halfe and the kyng the other halfe.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd that after and from the sayd first daye of May next comming, no person or persones, shall ouerlyme, or ouerburne with Lyme any Hydes in their Lymepyttes, nor shall set any their fattes in Tanne hylles or other places where the Ooze or Lether that shalbe put to tanne in thesame, shal or may take any vnkynde heates, or shall put any hote licor, or hote Ooze into their fattes wherin any Hydes or Lether shalbe put to tannyng, or shal practise any other deceyptfull wayes or meanes for the ouerspedy tannyng of any hydes or lether, or whereby any hydes or lether shalbe burnt, skalded or matred in the tannyng therof, vpon the paynes and penalties aforesayd. And that it shalbe lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace for the tyme beyng, and to euery person and persones, hauing authoritie by the lawes and statutes of this realme, to searche, viewe and marke tanned lether, to entre at al reasonable tyme and tymes into the Tanne houses of any person and persones, vsyng and exercisyng the mistery or crafte of Tanning of Lether, and to searche their Tanne fattes that stande or be in their tanne houses or other places. And yf any suche Justice or searcher shall fynde or perceiue Hydes or Lether put in any suche fatte or fattes set in their Tãnehilles, otherwise deceiptfully tanned, or ouerlymed or burnt with Lyme, or tãned contrary to this statute

that then it shalbe leful to euery suche Justice and searcher or searchers so findyng thesame, to seaze thesame Hydes & Lether, and to take the one moytie therof to the vse of our said souereigne lord the kyng & the other moytie therof to his owne vse: and in case he cannot seaze and haue the same by way of seasure, that then thesame Justice and Searcher or any of theim may sue for thesame or the value thereof, in any of the Kynges courtes of Record by informacion, byl, plaint, or accion of debt or Detinue, wherein no essoyne, wager of lawe, or protecciō shalbe allowed, and the kyng to haue the one halfe of all thesayd forfaytures, and the partie that so sueth the other halfe.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforsayd, that no person or persons occupiyng, or that shall hereafter occupy exercise the craft or mistery of Tanners, shall cut any Hyde or Hydes of Stere or Cowe for clowte Lether, or to make any clowte Lether therof: But that they and euery of them shal sell and vtter all and euery their Hydes of Cowe and Stere, whole and vncut vpon payne and forfayture of the losse of thesame hydes so cut and vi.s.viii.d. for euery Hyde so cut & that euery person and persons, that wyll seaze thesame Lether or sue for thesame forfaitures, as is before limitted for the penalties aforesayd, shall haue the one halfe therof and the kyng the other halfe,

And be it enacted by thesayd aucthoritie, that no person or persones shal after thesayd first day of May. Tāne any maner of Felles, or shepe skynnes or put to sale, vpon paine of forfaiture of thesame skynnes and vi.s, viii.d. for euery shepeskynne so tanned or solde, the one halfe therof to be to the kyng, and the other halfe therof, to be to him that will seaze or sue for thesame, by any of the wayes or meanes aforesayd: This acte to endure to the ende of the next Parliament.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that this present acte or any thyng therin contayned, shall not in any wise extend to be preiudicial or hurtful to any Lord or Lordes, person or persons, bodies politique and corporate or any of theim, their heires or successors, or the heires or successors of any of them, touchyng any Fayre or Market, seale, searche, libertie, fraūchise, priuilege, profite, cōmoditie, forfaiture, fines, or emolument, whiche they or any of them, haue or ought to haue by any lawfull interest, or title before the comencement and beginnyng of this present Parliamēt: But that they and euery of them, may and shal haue, enioy, perceiue, take and kepe, al and singuler their Fayres, & Markettes, seale, searches, liberties, fraunchises, profites, cōmodities, forfaitures & fines, risyng, commyng and growyng, by reason of this act, any clause, article or sentence in this present act or statute to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng: this act to endure vnto the ende of the next Parliament.

The.xii.Chapiter.

¶ An act for thassuraunce to the tenauntes of grauntes and leases made of the Duke of Somersettes demeane landes.

Whereof

Where as the right excellent Prince Edward Duke of Somerset hath heretofore ordayned, cõstituted and made, diuers persons to be Stewardes, and Surueyors, of diuers and sundry his honours, Manors, lãdes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, by his sufficient writyng or writynges in the lawe, signed & sealed by thesayd duke, & hereafter may at his wil and pleasure ordayn, cõstitute and make diuers & sundry stewardes & surueiors, of any his honors, Manors, lãdes, tenementes, or hereditamẽtes, which thesayd Stewardes and Surueiors heretofore so cõstituted and made or suche & as many of thẽ as by any suche writyng of thesayd duke, wer appointed or aucthorised to make leases or grauntes, of any the landes, tenementes, or hereditamẽtes, of thesayd duke: haue accordyng vnto the tenor and effect of their sayd cõmission, & writynges graũted and made, for & in the behalf of thesayd duke, many demises, leases, & grauntes for terme of lyfe, or liues, of diuers perces of the honors, manors, meases, lãdes, tenemẽtes, or other hereditamẽtes, beyng percel of the possessions of thesayd duke, whiche be, or haue been cõmonly called or knowen, by the name of Demeane lãdes, Bartõ landes, ouer lande, or Borde lãdes, or by any other name or names, by coppe of court Roll of the honor, or Manor wherin or nere vnto whiche honor, or Manor of thesame, lãdes, tenementes, or hereditamẽtes, so graũted or letten, are, or be, for and duryng suche & those estates, and termes, for life, or liues, as been rehersed limitted, and appointed, by and in the copies of court Roll, to them seuerally therof had and made, and accordyng vnto the customes of the honors, or Manors, wherin or nere vnto whiche, thesayd landes, tenemẽtes or hereditamẽtes so letten or graũted, are, or be in like maner, forme and condicion, and with lyke and thesame customes, vsages, and liberties, benefites, commodities, and priuileges, as the auncient and customary tenementes and copyholders of the olde customary and copphold landes of thesayd honor, or Manor, where suche demeane landes, or Barton landes, or other thesayd landes, are lyng or beyng, or whereof any of thesayd Measses, landes tenementes, or other heriditamẽtes be, or haue been accompted, letten, or reputed, for or as part or parcel, haue vsed, do or ought to do, by the customes and vsages of thesaid honor, or Manor, where as of trouth no custom or vsage, cã or may, by the lawes of this realme, be annexed or knit to any measses, landes, tenementes, or hereditamẽtes letten, or to be letten, by copy of court Roll, to any person or persones, albeit those wordes *secundum consuetudinem manerij* be rehersed and expressed in thesayd court Rolle, or copy therof, had or made, except that thesame measses, landes, tenementes or other hereditamẽtes so letten be olde customary or copphold landes, and haue been vsed by all the tyme whereof memory of mã is not to the contrary, to be letten, or demised, by copy of court Roll, or otherwise at the will of the lorde, accordyng vnto the custome of thesayd honor or Manor: And for & that cause, suche and

thoſe leaſſes, demiſes, and graũtes made or to be made for terme of life, or liues by copie of court Rolle of demeane, or Barton landes, or other theſaied landes, and not being olde cuſtomarie or copihold landes, nor hauing any liuery, or ſeaſon of theſame, ben by the lawes of this realme of no better force, then leaſes made or to be made, onely for & during the will and pleaſure of the leſſours and grauntours therof, at and by the comẽ law: by reaſon wherof, diuerſe of thoſe perſons to whom any ſuch leaſes or grauntes, by copie of court Roll be or haue ben had and made or hereafter ſhalbe had, or made, of or in any ſuch meaſſes, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, may be hereafter by ſome of the heires or aſſignes of theſaied Duke, or by any other whiche ſhall or may haue any eſtate therin, by or frõ ſome of them, or vnder the title of ſome of thẽ expulſed & put out of theſaid meaſes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, commonly called demeanes or Barton landes, or other, theſaid lãdes ſo taken, or to be takẽ as is aforeſayd, contrary to equitie & conſcience, & contrary to the true meanyng of theſaid duke, & to the great empoueriſhement of thoſe perſons that ſo haue takẽ or ſhal take any of the ſame by copie of court Roll: for remedy wherof, & for the relief, aide, and better ſuerty of ſuch perſons, as haue takẽ or had, or hereafter ſhal take, or haue, any leaſes, or graũtes, by copie of court roll, accordyng vnto the cuſtome of any honour or manor which is, hath ben, or ſhalbe percell of the poſſeſſions, of theſaid duke: theſaid duke of his charitable mind, and accuſtomed goodnes, hũblie beſeecheth the kinges moſt excellẽt mateſtie, & the lordes & commons in this preſẽt parliamẽt aſſẽbled, that it may be ordeined, and enacted by auctoritie of parliament, in maner & fourme folowing (that is to ſaie) that al leaſes, & graũtes, had made or graũted, or hereafter to be had, made, or graũted by copy of court roll for terme of life, or liues, not exceding three liues at the moſt of any meaſſe or meaſſes, landes tenementes, poſſeſſions, reuercions, or other hereditamentes called demeane lãdes, or Bartõ landes, or by any other name, or names, parcel of the poſſeſſiõs, of theſaid duke, & graunted or made by ſuch & as many of thoſe perſones, which at any time or times heretofore haue ben auctoriſed by any writing, ſygned & ſealed by theſaid dukes, to make any demiſes, or leaſes, or graũtes of any his meaſſes, landes, tenemẽtes, poſſeſſions or hereditamentes, & alſo al other leaſes, & graũtes hereafter to be made, had or graunted, by any perſon or perſons whiche ſhalbe at any tyme hereafter by the ſufficient writing in the law of theſaied duke ordeined conſtituted, or made, Stuarde, or Surueiour of any the manours meaſſes, landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, or hereditamẽtes, of the ſaied Duke, by Coppe of courte Rolle, of any theſayed Meaſſes, landes tenementes, reuercions, poſſeſſions, or hereditamentes, for terme of lyfe, or lyues, not excedyng three lyues, whiche Leaſe and graunt, or the true Coppe therof, ſhalbee wythin one yere nexte after the makyng of any ſuche leaſe or graunt, by Coppe of court Rolle entred, and wryten in a boke, or roll, and whiche boke or rolle, after the entrie therof

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shalbe sygned and subscribed with the hand of thesaied Duke, or of his heires, shalbe of such like & thesame force strength, & effect in the law, to al ententes, constructiõs, & purpoles, to such and those persones to whõ thesame shalbe so letten, or graunted, by name expressed in thesaid leale, or graunt, according vnto the estates & termes mencioned in the leases, and graũtes therof, as if the meales, landes, tenemẽtes, reuersions, possessions, and hereditamentes, wherof such lease, demise, or graunt, is, or shalbe made, by copie of court rolle, were made of the old auncient customary or copphold lãdes, of the honor or mannor, mencioned in such leale, graunt or copy of court Rolle, which haue ben demised, or demissible by coppe of court Rolle, of thesaid honor or mannor or otherwise according vnto the custome of thesaid honor, or mannor, by all the tyme wherof memorie of man is not to the contrarie. And that the leases, grauntes, and tenauntes therof, shall yelde, do, and paye, and be bounde to paye, yelde and do to thesayd Duke, his heires, and assignes, and to other the Lorde or Lordes of thesayd honor or mannor for the tyme beyng, lyke, and as muche rentes, for thesame, as at any tyme heretofore haue been yelden and payde, and all other dueties, seruices, & customes, and vpon like paines, forfaitures, and penalties, and shal haue and enioye all such like lawfull customes, liberties, vsages, and aduauntages, knyt to thesame measles, landes, tenementes and hereditamẽtes, so by them, or any of them taken, or to be taken, duryng their seuerall estates & interestes, of, and in thesame by force of thesaid coppes, or customes, as the auncient and olde customary and coppholde tenementes of thesayed honor or mannor where thesaid copiholdes or customarie tenementes bee, haue been or shalbe taken, or had, haue lawfully vsed, or ought lawfully by ỹ custome of thesaied honor, or mannor, to yelde, do, paye, or haue, any law vsage or custome to the contrary hereof in any wyse notwithstanding: saiung to euery persone & persones, bodies politique and corporat their heires, and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, other then thesaied Duke, and his heires, and euery persone and persones, bodies politique and corporate, and the heires and successours of euery or any of them, which shall haue any estate, possession or interest, in or to any of the premisses, by thesaied Duke, or by any of his heires, or vnder the title of thesaied Duke al, such right, title, vse, interest, commoditie, and profit, of in and to al & euery thesaid honours, mannours, landes, tenementes, hereditamẽtes and other the premisses, and to euery part and parcell therof, as they or any of theim had, or ought to haue had, before the making of this acte, and as though this act had neuer been had ne made, any thing in this acte conteined to the cõtrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ The. xiii. Chapiter.
¶ An acte for the true payment of Tythes.

WHere in the parliamēt holden at Westminster the.iiii. day of February in the.xxvii.yere of the reygne of the late kyng of most famous memorie kyng Henry the eight, ther was one act made cōcerning paimēt of tythes predial and personal. And also in an other Parliment holdē at Westminster the.xxiiii.day of July in the.xxxii.yere of the reigne of thesaid late kyng Henry the eight, an other act was made concerning true paimēt of Tithes and offeringes, in which seueral actes many & diuers thinges be omitted and left out, whych were cōueniēt and very necessary to be added to thesame: in consideracion wherof & to thintent thesayed tithes may be hereafter truly paide according to the mynde of the makers of thesayed actes: Be it ordeined and enacted by the kyng our souereigne lord with the assent of the lordes spiritual & temporal and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the aucthoritie of thesame, that not only thesaid actes made in thesaid.xxvii.and.xxxii.yeres of the reigne of thesaid late kyng henry the eight cōcerning true paiment of tithes, and euery article and braunche therin conteined, shall abide & stande in their ful strength and vertue, but also be it further enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliament, that euery of the kynges subiectes, shall frō henceforth truely and Justly without fraude or gyle, deuyde, sett oute, yelde and paye all maner of their prediall tythes in their propre kynde as they ryse and happen in suche maner and fourme as hath been of ryght yelded and payed within fourty yeres nexte before the makyng of this Acte, or of ryght or Custome ought to haue bene payed. And that no persone shall fromhenceforth take or cary away any suche or lyke Tythes which haue bene yelded or payed within thesayed fourty yeres or of right ought to haue been payed in the place or places tythable of thesame before he hath iustely deuided or set forth for the Tithe thereof the tenth part of thesame, or otherwise agreed for thesame Tythes with the persone, vicare, or other owner, proprietorie or fermoure of thesame Tythes, vnder the payne of forfaiture of treble value of the Tythes so taken or caryed awaye.

AND be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that at al times whensoeuer & as often as thesayd prediall tythes shalbe due at the tything tyme of thesame, it to be lefull to euery partie to whom any of the sayd tithes ought to be paied or his deputie, or seruaunt, to view and see their sayd tithes to be iustly & truly set forth & seuered frō the.ix.partes and thesame quietly to take & cary away. And if any persone caryaway his corne or haye, or his other predial tythes before the tyth therof be set forth or wyllingly withdraw his tythes of thesame or of such other thinges, wherof predial tithes ought to be payed, or do stop or let the person vicar, proprietorie, owner or other ther deputies or fermours, to view, take and cary away their tythes as is abouesaid, by reason wherof the

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sayed tithe or tenth is lost, impayred, or hurte, that then vpon due profe therof made, before the spyrituall iudge or any other iudge to whō heretofore he might haue made complaint, the partie so cariyng away, withdrawyng, lettynge or stoppyng, shal paye the double value of the tenthe or tithe so taken, lost, withdrawen or caried away, ouer & besides the costes, charges & expences of the sute in the same, the same to be recouered before ẏ ecclesiasticall iudge, accordig to the kinges ecclesiastical lawes.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthorite aforesayed, that all and euery persō which hath or shal haue any beastes or other cattell tithable going, fedyng, or depasturing in any wast or cōmon ground, wherof the parishe is not certaynly knowen, shal pay their tithes for the increase of thesaid cattal so going in thesaid wast or common, to the person, vicare, proprietorie, porcionarie, owner or other their Fermours or deputies of the paryshe, Hamlet, Toune or other place where the owner of thesayed cattall inhabyteth or dwelleth.

PROVIDED alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, ẏ no person shalbe sued or otherwise cōpelled to yelde, geue or paye any maner of tythes for any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, whych by the lawes & statutes of thys realme, or by any priuilege or prescripcion are not chargeable wyth the paymente of any suche tythes, or that be discharged by any composicion reall.

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PROVIDED alwaies & be it enacted bi the aucthoritie aforesaid, thal al such barē heath or wast groūd, other then suche as be discharged for the paimēt of tithes by act of parliamēt, which before this time haue laine baren & paied no tithes by reason of thesame barēnes, & now be or hereafter shalbe emproued & conuerted into arrable ground or medow, shal frō hēceforth after the ende & terme of. vii. yeres next after such emprouemēt fully ended & determined, pay tith for ẏ corne & hay, growyng vpō thesame, any thing in this art to ẏ cōtrary in aniwise not wstāding.

PROVIDED alwaies & be it enacted bi the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if ani such barren, wast or heath ground, hath before this time bene charged w the paimēt of any tithes, & that thesame be hereafter emproued & cōuerted into arrable groūd or medow, that thē the owner or owners therof, shal, duryng. vii. yeres next folowing, frō & after thesame improuemēt pay such kynd of tith as was paid for thesame before thesaid emprouemēt, any thing in this act to ẏ cōtrari in any wise not wstāding

AND be it also further enacted bi thaucthorite aforesaid, that euery persō exercising merchaūdises, bargaining & selling, clothing, hādicraft or other arte or facultie, being snch kind of persons, & in such places as heretofore win this. xl. yeres haue accustomably vsed to pay such personal tithes or of right ought to pay, other thē such as ben cōmon day labourers, shal yerely at or befor ẏ feast of Easter pay for his parsonal tithes, the tenth part of his clere gaines, his charges & expēses according to his estate, cōdicion or degre, to be therin abated, alowed, & deducted.

PROVIDED alwayes, and be it enacted, that in all suche places where handicraftes men haue vsed to paye their tythes within this .xl. yeres, the same custome of payment of tithes to be obserued and to continue, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that if any persone refuse to paie his personall tithes in fourme aforesaied, that then it shalbe lefull to the Ordinary of the same dioces where the partie that so ought to paye the saied tythes is dwellyng, to call the same partie before him, and by his discretion to examen him by all lawfull and reasonable meanes, other then by the parties owne corporall othe concernynge the true payment of the sayd personall tythes.

PROVIDED alwaies & be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that all & euery person and persones which by the lawes or customes of this realme ought to make or paie their offringes, shal perely trō henceforth wel & truly content and paye his or their offringes to the persō, vicar, proprietorie, or their deputies or fermours of the parish or parishes wher it shall fortune or happē him or thē to dwel or abide: And þ at such iiii. offring dates, as at any time heretofore within the space of .iii. yeres last past, hath ben vsed & accustomed for the paimēt of the same, & in default therof to paye for their said offrings at Easter then next folowig.

PROVIDED also & be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforsaid, that this act or any thing therin cōtemed, shal not extēd to any parish which standes vpon and towardes the sea coastes, the cōmodities and occupying wherof cōsisteth chiefly in fishing, and haue by reason therof vsed to satisfie their tithes by fysh, but that all and euery such parish and paryshes shall hereafter paie their tithes according to the laudable customes, as thei haue heretofore of auncient time within this foretye yeres, vsed and accustomed, and shall paye their offringes as is aforesaied.

PROVIDED alwaies & be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayed, that this acte or any thing therin contemed, shall not extend in any wyse to the inhabitauntes of the citie of London & Cantorburie, & the suburbes of the same, ne to any other Toune or place that hath vsed to paye their tithes by their houses, otherwyse then they ought or should haue done before the making of this acte, any thing contemed in this acte to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

AND be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforsaid, that if any person do subtract or withdraw any maner of tithes, obuencions, profites, cōmodities or other duties before mēcioned, or any part of thē contrary to the true meaning of this act, or of any other act heretofore made, that then the partye so subtractyng or withdrawing the same, may or shalbe conuēted & sued in the kinges ecclesiastical court by the party from whō the same shalbe subtracted or withdrawen, to the intēt the kinges iudge ecclesiasticall, shall & may then and there: heare & determine the same according to the kinges ecclesiastical lawes. And that it shal not be lauful

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vnto the persõ, vicare, proprietorie, owner or other their fermours or deputies, cõtrary to this act, to cõuẽt or sue such withholder of tithes, obuencions or other duties aforesaid before any other iudge then ecclesiastical. And if any Archebishop, Bishop, Chauncellor, or other iudge ecclesiastical geue any sentence in the foresaid causes of tithes, obuẽcions, profites, emolumentes & other duties aforsaid, or in any of thẽ (and no apeale ne prohibition hanging) the partie condẽned, do not obey the said sentence, that then it shal be lefull to euery such Iudge ecclesiasticall, to excommunicate the said partie, so as afore condemned and disobeying, in the which sentence of excommunicatiõ if the sayd partie excommunicate wilfully stande and endure still excommunicat by the space of .xl. daies next after vpon denunciation & publication therof in the parish church of the place or parishe where the partie so excommunicat is dwelling or most abiding, the said iudge ecclesiastical may thẽ at his pleasure signifi to the king into his court of chaũcery of the estate & condicion of the said partie so excõmunicat & therupõ to requite proces *De excommunicato capiendo*, to be awarded against euery such person as hath ben so excommunicat.

BE it further enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid, that if any partie at any tyme hereafter, for any matter or cause before rehersed, limited or appointed by this act, to be sued or determined in the kinges ecclesiasticall court, or before the ecclesiasticall iudge, do sue for any prohibicion in any of the kinges courtes where prohibicions before this tyme haue ben vsed to be graũted: That then in euery such case, the same partie before any prohibicion shalbe graunted to him or thẽ, shal bring & deliuer to the hãdes of some of the Iustices, or Iudges of the same court where suche partie demaũded prohibicion, the very true copy of the lybell depending in the ecclesiasticall court, concernyng the matter wherfore the partie demaũdeth the prohibicion, subscribed or marked with the hand of the same partie: And vnder the copy of the said libell shalbe writen the suggestion wherfore the partie so demaundeth the said prohibicion: & in case the said suggestion by two honest & sufficiẽt witnesses at the least, be not proued true in the court whet the said prohibicion shalbe so graũted within .vi. monethes next folowing after the sayd prohibicion shalbe so graunted & awarded, that then the partie that is letted or hindred of his or their sute in the ecclesiastical court by such prohibicion, shal vpon his or their request and sute without delaie haue a consultation graũted in the same case in the court where the said prohibicion was graunted, and shall also recouer double costes and dãmages against the partie that so pursued the said prohibicion, the said costes and dãmages to be assigned or assessed by the court where the sayd consultacion shalbe so graunted, for which costes and dãmages, the partie to whom they shalbe awarded may haue an accion of det by byll, plaint or informacion in any of the kinges courtes of record, wherin the defendaunt shall not wage his or their lawe, nor haue any essoyne or protection allowed or admitted.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by thaucthorite aforesayd

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that this act or any thing therin contayned shall not extend to geue any minister or iudge ecclesiastical any iurisdiccion to hold plee of any matter cause or thyng beyng contrary or repugnaũt to or against the effect, intent or meanyng of the statute of Westminster second the. v. chapiter. the statutes of *Articuli cleri circumspecti agatis Silua sedus*, the treatise *De regia prohibitione* ne against the statute of *Anno primo Edouardi tercij*, the. x. Chapiter, or any of them, ne yet holde plee in any matter wherof the kynges court of right ought to haue iurisdiccion, any thyng herein contayned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided neuertheless, where heretofore suche a custome hath been in many partes of Wales, that of such cattel and other goodes, as hath been geuẽ with the mariage of any person, their tithes haue been exacted and leuied by the Parsons & curates in those parties: whiche custome beyng dissonant from any part of this realme, as it semed when the said countrey of Wales was through ciuile dissencion vnculted, for want of other sufficient profites that might otherwise growe to the curates and ministers there to haue been for that tyme tollerable: so now the coũtrey beyng wel manured and husbanded, & that tithe is duely paied there, of corne, Hay, Woll & Chese, and of other increase of all maner of cattel, as it is cõmonly in all other partes of this realme, thesame custome semes to be grieuous and vnreasonable, specially where the benefices are els sufficient for the fyndyng of thesayd ministers and curates: That it be therfore enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that from and after the first day of May next cõmyng, no suche tithes of mariage goodes be exacted or required of any person within thesayd dominion of Wales or marches of thesame: Any thyng in this acte contayned, or any other acte, custome, prescripcion, had or made to the contrary hereof notwithstãdyng

The. xiiii. Chapiter.

An act against the shotyng of haylshot.

Where as an acte was made in the. xiiii. yere of the late kyng of famous memory Henry theight for some libertie to shote in Handgunnes, Hakes and Hacquebutes, by whiche acte neuertheless it was prouided that no person should shote in any of the aboue said peces, but at a bãke of yearth, & not to any decre or foule, onelesse the partie might dispende C. poundes by the yere: For asmuche as thesayd acte hauyng been deuised as it was then thought for necessary exercise, tendyng to the defence of the Realme, is growen sythen to the mayntenaunce of muche pdelnes, and to suche a libertie as not onely dwelling houses, Douccotes and Churches are dayly domaged by the abuse thereof by men of light conuersacion, but that also there is growen a customable maner of shotyng of haylshot, wherby an infinite sorte of Foule is kylled, and muche game thereby destroyed

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to the benefite of no man, whereby also the meanyng of thesayd statute is defrauded, for that thesaid vse of hayleshot vtterly destroieth the certaintie of shotyng, whiche in warres is muche requisite: Be it therefore enacted, that no person vnder the degree of a Lorde of the Parliament, shall frō henceforth, shote in any Handgunne, within any citie or toune at any foule or other marke, vpon any churche, house or Doucecote, neither that any person shal shote in any place any hayleshot, or any mo pellottes then one at one tyme, vpō payn to forfaite for euery tyme that he or they shall so offende contrary to this acte, ten poundes, and imprisonment of his body duryng three monethes.

Prouided alwayes & be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that this act nor any thyng therin contained shall extend or be preiudicial to any person or persones authorised by value of lād to shote in any hādgunne or crosbowe, but that they may so do in suche forme and order as they should do & might haue done before the makyng of this act (hayleshot excepted, as in dede that kind of shot in thesayd act was not meant) & that all & euery other person or persones authorised to shote or otherwise, if he inhabite in any toune corporate, be presented to the Maior or other officer of thesame, & inhabityng in the cōtrey, be presented within one moneth after the publishyng of this act to the next Iustice of Peace adioynyng, in which cases thesayd Maior Iustice, or other officer so takyng their names as is aforesayd, shal againe present & record thesame before a Iustice of the Peace at the next quarter sessions, to thintent the Clarke of the Peace of the countie, may kepe a certayne boke or rolle of the names of al suche persons, by the which þ kynges Maiestie may frō tyme to tyme be assertained how many mete & able men exercised in that feate be in euery cōtie, that thesame mai be employed in his graces seruice as nede & occasion shal require, vpō payne that euery person offending in this act, in presumyng to shote in any Handgunne or halfe hake without þ presentyng of his name as is aforesayd, shal forfait for euery shotte, the summe of .xx.s. the one moytie wherof, to be to our souereigne lord the kyng & the other moytie to him or thē that will sue for thesame, by bill, accion, plaint, informacion, or otherwise. The officer that should take their names and present thesame as is abouesaid, to incurre for the lacke of his dutie in this part, for euery tyme so offendyng, like payne.

The.xv. Chapiter.

An act touchyng victaylers and handycraftes men.

Forasmuche as of late dayes dyuers sellers of victuals, not contented with moderate and reasonable gayne, but myndyng to haue and to take for their victuals somuche as lust them, haue conspired and couenaunted together to sell their victuals at vnreasonable price: And likewise artificers

tificers handycraftes men and labourers haue made confederacies and promyses and haue sworne mutual othes, not only that they shuld not medle one with one anothers worke and prefourme and finishe that another hath begon, but also to constitute and appoint how muche worke they shall do in a day, & what houres & tymes they shal worke, contrary to the lawes and statutes of this realme, & to the great hurt and empouerishment of the kynges Maiesties subiectes: For reformacion therof, it is ordayned and enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lorde the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthorite of the same, that if any Boochers, Brewers, Bakers, Poulters, Cookes, Costermongers, or Fruterers, shall at any tyme from and after the first day of Marche next commyng conspire, couenaunt, promise or make any othes that they shall not sell their victuals but at certayne prices: Or if any artificers, workemen or labourers do conspire, couenaunt or promyse together, or make any othes that they shall not make or do their workes but at a certayne price and rate, or shall not enterprise or take vpon theim to finishe that another hath begon, or shall do but a certayne worke in a day, or shall not worke but at certaine houres and tymes, that then euery person so conspiryng, couenantyng, swearyng or offendyng beyng lawfully conuict therof by witnesse, confession or otherwyse, shall forfatt for the first offence .x. pound to the kynges highnes, and if he haue sufficient to paye the same, and do also paye the same, within .vi. dayes nexte after his conuiction, or elles shall suffer for the first offence .xx. dayes imprisonment, and shall onely haue bread and water for his sustinaunce. And for the seconde offence shall forfait .xx. pound to the kyng, if he haue sufficient to paye the same, and do paye the same within .vi. dayes next after his conuiction, or elles shal suffer for the second offence punyshement of the Pyllory. And for the third offence shall forfaite .xl. pound to the kyng, if he haue sufficient to paye the same, and also do paye the same within .vi. dayes next after his conuiction, or els shall sit on the Pillory and lose one of his eares, and also shall at all tymes after that, be taken as a man infamous, and his saiynges, depositions or othe not to be credited at any tyme in any matters of iudgemēt. And yf it fortune any suche conspiracie, couenaunt or promyse to be had and made by any societe, brotherhead or company of any craft, mistery or occupacion of the victuallers aboue mencioned with the presence or cōsent of the more part of them, that then immediatly vpon suche act of conspiracy, couenaunt or promise had or made ouer and besydes the particuler punishement before by this act appointed for the offendor, their corporacion shalbe dissolued to al intēts, constructions and purposes.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by thauctorite afore sayd, that all and synguler Iustices of Assyse, Iustices of Peace, Maiors, Bailieffes and Stewardes of Letes, at all & euery their sessions, Actes

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and courtes, shall haue ful power and aucthoritie to inquire, heare and determine all and singuler offences committed against this statute, and to punishe or cause to be punished the offendor according to the tenour of this statute.

AND it is ordained and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd that no person or persones shall at any tyme after the first day of April next cōmyng, interrupt, deny, let or desturbe any Free Mason, Rough Mason, Carpēter, Bricklayer, Playsterer, Joyner, hardhewer, Sawier, Tyler, Pauier, Glasier, Lymeburner, Brickmaker, Tylemaker, Plummer or labourer, borne in this realme, or made Denizen, to worke in any of the sayd craftes in any Citie, Borough or toune corporate, with any person or persons that wil retaine him or them, albeit thesayd person & persons so retained, or any of them do not inhabite or dwel in the citie, Borough or toune corporate where he or they shal woorke, nor be free of thesame Citie, Borough or toune, any statute, lawe, ordinaunce, or other thyng whatsoeuer had or made to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng: and that vpon paine of forfaiture of v. pound for euery interrupcion or disturbaunce done contrary to this statute, the one moyte of euery suche forfaiture to be to the kyng, and the other moyte thereof to be to him or them that will sue for thesame in any of the kynges courtes of Recorde, by bill, plaint, accion of debt or informacion, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne, nor proteccion shalbe allowed

The xvi. Chapter.

¶ An act for the remouyng of suche as haue the custody of Castles and Fortresses vpon the borders, and beyond the seas.

WHere before this tyme, aswel the right high & mightie Prince of famous memorie kyng henry the eight, father to our souereigne lorde the kyng that now is, as also our souereigne lord ye kyng that now is, by their seueral letters patentes haue geuen and graunted to diuers seuerall persones, the custody & kepyng of diuers & sundry Castles, Fortresses, Bulwerkes, Holdes and offices of defence, aswell in the confines and vttermost borders of the North partes of this realme of England against ye Scottes the kynges rebelles, as also in the confines and vttermost borders of other places within this realme and other the kynges dominions for defence of this realme against forein princes and potentates, with diuers fees, wages, profites and aduauntages in thesayd seuerall letters patentes mencioned. And forsomuche as diuers of thesayd persones hauyng some of thesayd offices been thought mete and apt persones to serue the kynges highnes in other places of seruice: Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and the

commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of thesame, that it shalbe lawfull to the kyng our souereigne Lorde at his will and pleasure at all tyme and tymes hereafter to remoue aswell al & euery suche person and persones that nowe haue the custodie or keping for terme of life, of any Castle, fortresse, Bulwarke, Holde or office of defence, that at any tyme heretofore hath been erected or made in the cō-fines and vttermost borders of the North parties of this realme, as also all and singuler those persones that now haue the custody or keping for terme of life of any Castle, Fortresse, bulwarkes, Holde or office of defence, that within xx yeres last past hath been erected or made nere the sea coastes, or in any of the kynges dominions in the parties of beyond the sea at the kinges appointment or assignement, geuing to euery such person and persones so to be remoued to serue the kyng in other place or places of seruice suche like or as good fees, wages, profites, and aduauntages, and of suche like interest or estate, and of as good assurāce in thesame, as the person or persones so to be remoued now hath or haue for exercisyng of his or their office or offices whereof he or they shalbe so remoued as is aforesayd.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that when and assone as any person or persones so to be remoued, shalbe assured of as good fees, wages, profites, and aduauntages, & of suche like interest or estate as he or they had for the custody or keppyng of any of thesayd Castles, Fortresses, Bulwarkes, Holdes or offices of defence from whiche he shalbe remoued, that then and so sone and frō thencefurth, the graunt and letters patētes made to him or thē so to be remoued for the custody and keppyng of any of thesayd Castles, Fortresses, Bulwerkes, Holdes or offices of defence wherof he or they shall haue suche recompence as is aforesayd, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect,

The xvij. Chapiter,

An act for the confirmation of the attaynder of sir Wyllyam Sharyngton knight,

FOrasmuche as sir Wyllyā Sharyngton late of Lō-don knight the xiiij. day of Februarp in the third yere of the reigne of our souereigne lorde Edward the vi. by the grace of God, of England, Fraunce & Ireland kyng, defendor of the fayth, and of the churche of En-gland and also of Ireland in yerth the supreme head, was lawfully indicted before the Maior of the Citye of London and other the kynges Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer in the Yelde hall in London, for that thesame sir Wyllyam the x. day of July, in the first yere of ꝑ reigne of our sayd souereigne lorde kyng Ed-ward the vjt and diuers dayes and times before and after, at the citie of

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Bristoll, in the countie of the Citie of Bristoll, imaginyng falsely to deceiue our sayd souereigne lorde the kyng and his people, falsely & trayterously did make, forge, & counterfaite .ii. M. poũdes of coyne of siluer to the similitude of a certayne coyne of our sayd souereygne Lorde the kyng, comõly called Testons, of his own aucthoritie without any warrant of our sayd souereigne lord the kyng, and against the kynges prohibicions to the cõtrary therof to him made and geuen, and against the peace of our souereigne Lorde the kyng, his croune and dignitie: vpon whiche indictment, the same sir Wyllyam was than and there arrained before the sayd Commissioners, and then and there before the sayd Commissioners vpon his sayd arrainement confessed the sayd treason, and al thynges contayned in the sayd indictment to be true, where vpon iudgement was geuẽ against the same sir Wyllyã Sharyngton accordyngly as in suche cases of treason appertaynyth: So that the same sir Wyllyã is and nowe stãdeth attaynted of treason, as by the recorde therof more at large it appereth.

And also the same sir Wyllyam falsely and trayterously in the monethes of May, June and July, in the sayd first yere of the reigne of our sayd souereyng lord the kyng, of his own auctho:itie without any warrant or auctho:itie frõ our sayd souereigne lorde the kyng, and against his highnes prohibicions to him had & made, did make, forge, and cõterfait ouer and besides the sayd summe of ii. M. poundes mencioned in the sayd Recorde, a certayne coyne like to the sayd kynges coyne called Testõs, amountyng in the whole to the summe of .x. M. poũdes or therabout. And likewise the same sir Wyllyam moste falsly & vntruely hath deceiued & defrauded the kynges Maiestie in the clippynges and shearynges of the kynges coyne, makyng thereby the same to light ouer and besides his remedy, and conuerted the same to his owne vse, profite and commoditie, to the hurt, losse, and domage of the kynges Maiestie, aboue the summe of iiii. M pound at the least. And the sayd sir Wyllyam Sharyngton at suche tymes when the monethly bokes & doynges concernyng the makyng of the kynges coyne were brought vnto him, he vsed alwaies to strike out asmuche as he thought good. And to the intent he might the better so do, he falsefied the indẽtures and writynges, makyng from tyme to time at his pleasure new bokes, and burned the olde bokes whiche might iustly haue charged him: Wherein albeit he is not able to expresse to what sũmes he deceiued the kynges Maiestie, yet by his owne declaracion and confession it amounteth to a notable summe, and to suche a summe as he confesseth, that al that he hath is not able to recompence the kyng. For confirmacion therefore of the same attaindor and for the more spedy suertie of the kynges Maiestie touching the forfaiture & actual and real possession of al suche Castles, Manors, lãdes and tenemẽtes, and hereditamẽtes whiche the sayd syr Wyllyã had the sayd .x. day of July, in the sayd first yere of the reigne of our sayd soue-

reigne lorde the kyng, as at any tyme sithen. And also for the forfaiture of all suche goodes, cattals and debtes as was thesame sir Wyllyams thesaid xiiii. day of Februarye: Be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled and by thauctholitie of the same, that thesayd sir Wyllyā Sharyngton for the trayterous forgyng and counterfaityng of the kynges coynes aforesayd, shalbe by thauctholitie of this presēt Parliament adiudged and demed a traytor & attainted of treason, and shall suffre suche paynes as in suche cases of treason hath been vsed. And that also thesame sir Wyllyam Sharyngton shal forfaite to the kyng all suche Castles, Manors, landes, tenemētes, offices, fees, annuities and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer thesame sir Wyllyam was seazed or possessed of, in fee symple, fee tayle, for terme of life or peres in his own right thesayd. x. day of July in thesayd first pere of the reigne of our sayd soueryng lord kyng Edward the sixt, or at any tyme sythens. And all suche goodes, cattals and debtes as thesayd sir Wyllyam had the. xiiii. day of Februarye. And that al thesaid castles, Manors, landes, tenemētes, fees, annuities, and other hereditamentes, shalbe by the auctholitie of this present Parliament, adiudged, vested and demed in the actual and reall possession of the kyng our soueraigne lorde from thesayd. xiiii. day of Februarye in thesayd third pere of the reigne of our sayd soueraigne lorde, without any office or inquisicion to be therof had or found.

Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctholitie aforesayd, that sir Anthony Hungerford knight, and his heires, shall haue, holde, and enioy the Manor of Leygh, with the appurtenaunces in the Countie of Wylshyre, which thesame sir Wyllyam at the special request of thesame sir Anthony Hungerford, aswel for. xvi. acres and a halfe of land, as for lv. acres of wast groundes and woddes with the appurtenaunces in Eastham and Weltham within the countie of Essex, assured by thesame sir Anthony Hungerford to the kynges highnes and his heires, as for diuers sōmes of money payed by thesayd sir Anthony, did receiue, haue and take, by the kynges letters patentes, dated the. xvi. day of September, in the second pere of the reigne of our sayd soueraigne lord the kyng to the intent to make an estate therof in Fee symple, to thesayd sir Anthony and to his heires: thesayd attayndor before thesayd Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, or this present acte, or any thyng in them or any of them contayned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also and be it ordayned and enacted by the auctholitie aforesaid, that all and euery suche person and persones whiche at thesaid tenth daye of July, or at any tyme sithens, and before the third day of January in the second pere of the reigne of our sayd soueraigne lord the kyng, hath had and obtained by lawfull graunt, gift, feoffement, or other alluraunce, any Manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes,

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with the appurtenaunces from or by thesayd sir Wyllyam Sharyngton, or from or by thesayd sir William and other, for any sūmes of money or otherwise by or for any other good consideracions, shal haue and enioy thesame Manors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes with their appurtenaunces accordyng to suche estate, interest or terme, as is or hath been to any of them made, by thesayd sir Wyllyam, or by the sayd sir Wyllyam and other, in suche like and thesame maner, as if the sayd attayndor before thesayd Commissioners, or this present Acte had neuer been had or made. Sauing to all persones and bodies pollitique and corporate, their heires and successours, (other then the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours) all suche right, title, vse, interest, estate, remaynder, reuercions, entres, possessions, Rentes Seruices, Rentes Charge, Rentes Secke, fees, annuities, leasses, claymes, commens, profites, condicions, and cōmodities, as they or any of them haue or ought to haue, in or to any part of the premisses, wherof thesame sir Wyllyam before thesayd third day of January in thesayd second yere, made any feoffement, gifte, graunt or other assuraunce, to any person or persones. And sauyng to the kynges Maiestie, his heires and successours, suche seignories, rentes tenthes, seruices, and commens, to be taken, had, or perceiued out of the premisses, wherof thesayd sir Wyllyam Sharyngton made any suche feoffement, gift, graunt, or other assuraunce, as is aforesayd, as his highnes before thesayd .xiiii. day of February had, or ought to haue had in any of thesame Manors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces, in thesame and like maner, fourme, estate and condicion, to all intentes and purposes, as if thesayd attayndor, or this present act had neuer been, had, or made, any thyng to the cōtrary therof notwithstādyng. Sauyng also to all & euery person and persones, and bodies politique and corporate, and to euery of them and to their heires, assignes and successours, and to euery of them (other then to thesayd sir Wyllyā Sharyngton and his heires) al suche rites, titles, vses, interestes, states, possessions, reuersions, remayndors, entres, condicions, fees, offices, Rentes Seruices, Rentes Secke, Rentes, Charges, annuites, commens, and all other commodities, profites, and hereditamētes, whatsoeuer, as they or any of them had, or ought to haue had, thesayd third day of January, any thing in this act to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that this act, ne any thyng therin contained, shall not extend nor be preiudicial to Dame Grace Sharyngton, nowe wyfe to thesayd sir Wyllyam Sharyngton, to take away trō thesayd Dame grace Sharyngton, any right or title, of Joynter or Dower, of in or to, any Manors, lādes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whiche before any attayndor of the sayd sir Wyllyam Sharyngton, were thesayd sir Wyllyams, of estate

of inheritaunce: But that thesayd dame Grace Sharyngton, shall and may, at her election, haue, enioy, & demaunde, al suche ioynter, or dower, of m or to any Manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, wherof thesayd sir Wyllyam at any tyme before he was attainted by the cõmen lawe, was seazed of any estate of inheritaunce.

Prouided also and be it enacted by thauctholitie aforesayd, that this acte, ne any thyng therin contayned, shall not in any wise extende to enhable thesayd Dame Grace Sharyngton to demaunde any Dower of. m, or to any Manors, landes, tenemẽtes, or other hereditamẽtes, which thesayd sir Wyllyam had, or obtayned, vpon any trust or confidence, wherof he hath before thesayd xiiii. day of Febzuary made any estate, or to thentẽt thesame sir Wyllyam should therof make any estate or other assuraunce ouer to any other person or persones.

The xviij. Chapiter,

An act for the attayndor of sir Thomas Seymor knight, lorde Seymor of Sudley, high Admiral of England.

IN their moste humble wyse beseechyng your moste excellent Maiestie, the lordes spiritual & temporal, and the cõmons in this present Parliament assembled: That where sir Thomas Seymor knight, Lorde Seymor of Sudley and high Admiral of England, not hauyng God before his eyes, nor regardyng the dutie, whiche by nature, benefites, and allegeaunce he ought to your highnes, nor beyng cõtent with his honorable state and condicion, wher vnto your maiestie hath called and indewed him with, but replenished and fylled with the moste daũgerous, insaciable, and feareful vice of ambicion and gredynes of rule, auctholitie and dominion, did in the first yere of your moste noble and victorious reigne, determine, & resolue with himselfe, to take into his hãdes your moste noble person, and thesame either by violence, stealth or other vndue meane, to haue in his possession, with ỹ order, rule and gouernment of your Maiesties realmes, dominions, and affaires, whiche were before that tyme, aswel by your royal assent, as by the consent and deliberate aduise of al your nobles and counsail, wherof he the sayd lord Admiral was one, otherwise ordered, decreed, and determined: by the meanes wherof, and by the moste prudent forsight and direccion of your graces derest vncle the Duke of Somerset, gouernor of your Maiesties moste royal person, and Protector of your highnes realmes, dominions & subiectes, beyng thesayd Admiral disappointed of his malicious enterprise: Thesame Admiral cõtinuyng neuertheles his great ambicion, and most detestable, malicious and traiterous purpose, thinkyng

king by tumulte & violence, openly to achiue that thyng, which by sleight he could not secretly compasse, trauailed with your Maiestie, beyng yet for your tendre yeres, not hable to conceiue his falshed, by craftie, and subtile, and trayterous meanes and persuasions, hauyng also prepared about your grace by corruption, sundry persones, to be instrumentes to helpe forwardes al his naughtie trayterous purposes, to haue caused your grace at his contemplacion, to haue written a bil or letter of your Maiesties owne hand, to your high court of Parliament, desiryng the same thereby to be good vnto thesayd lorde Seymor, in suche suites and matters as he should open & declare vnto the, which bil or letter, thesaid lorde Admiral, thought, and determined: not only in his owne person to haue brought into the nether house of your sayd court of Parliament, but also to haue likewise opened thesame in the higher house, hauyng in both thesame houses laboured, stired, and moued a nomber of persones, to take part and ioyne with him in suche thynges as he would set furth and enterprise, wherby he thought to brede suche a tumulte, vprore, and sedicion, aswell in thesayd court, as in the whole realme, as by the troubling of the whole state and body of this your realme, he might the more facily and easely bryng to passe his most fearful, deuilishe, and naughtie purpose: For the more sure and certaine compassyng whereof like as he feared not to say to certayn noble men & others, that he would make the blackest Parliament that euer was seen here in England, so moste trayterously for the further accomplishment of his leude enterprise, he retayned a great nomber of men, & prepared a great furnyture of weapons and habilimentes of warre, ready for the execution of his sayd trayterous attemptates. And to colour and cloke his sayd mischieuous purposes, dyd by al suche wayes and meanes as he could possibly deuise & imagine, practise as it were for his entry towardes thesame, to seke & attaine the gouernment of your most noble person, and thereby to haue gotten into his hãdes the ordre of your realmes and dominions: Wher vnto he aspired in suche sort, as he did euen then trauail expressely with the most part of your highnes most honorable counsail, to helpe him to thesayd gouernment, doyng likewise all that he could in the parliament by himselfe, his seruauntes and ministers, not onely to hinder and let al thinges there prepared, whiche touched the honor, suerte, and benefite of your maiestie and the realme: But also spredyng abrode sundry slaundres touchyng your maiesties person, your deareste vncle thesayd lorde protector, and the whole state of your counsail, ouer vile, daungerous, and vnmete to be here recited, whiche thynges beyng by the goodnes of God reueled, as your sayd vncle the Lorde protector could not chose but hartely lament, thesayd lorde Admirals euil, malicious and corrupte disposicion chiefely in respecte of the apparaunt and irrecuperable daunger, whiche was like by thesame presently to haue ensued to your maiestie, and to your realmes and dominions: and secondly, for

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that he was by proximitie of bloud so nearely ioyned vnto him. So hoping that by good aduertisemētes and coūsailes, he might yet recouer, and saue him, & by the grace of God cause him to cast away his naughtie, vile, and ambicious disposicion, & to haue had a better consideracion hereafter to his duetie, both to god & vnto your Maiestie, wher vnto he was moste bounden: The sayd lorde Protector laboured with the whole counsail, and otherwise, to reconcile and reforme him, whiche presently must elles haue perished in his folly and outrage. And albeit the sayd lorde Protector had then perfite knowlege of all the attemptates, and misbehauors of the sayd Admiral before rehersed. And that the sayd Admiral had then sayd, that he would not come at the sayd lorde Protector and counsail, though they sent for him, and that he would not be cōmitted to any warde for his doynges by the best of thē, whereby it appered that he thought his partie strong inough to resist your maiesties power and ordynary aucthoritie: Yet the sayd lord Protector, not ceassing with al clemencie to folowe his godly & charitable purpose, did not onely vse all ꝑ good meanes he could deuise by the persuacions of certain of your graces counsail and otherwise, to frame him to the amendement of his euils, & so to bring him to the better remembraūce of his duetie, but also considering that if the matter should haue growen to extremitie, beyng so nere, and so muche bound to your maiestie, being newly come to your kyngdom, your subiectes not altogether left in the best concord for maters of religion, great slaunder tumulte, and daunger might haue ensued therby, aswell here at home in your realme, as from some outward partes, with whō you wer in the warre, and in some secret enmitie ready to entre the warres, thought it with ꝑ aduise of your whole coūsail, most mete, & surest for your Maiestie to passe his euil doinges ouer in silēce, and some what the more in respect of the better stay, for the tyme of your presēt estate, to bridle him with your liberalitie, & therfore to geue vnto him lādes to the yerely value of viii. C pound, trustyng therby, and by suche other good meanes, as were vsed towarde him, to encourage and moue him to leaue for euer that ambicion and seditious mynde, and to liue in suche order, as might haue pleased God, & serued your Maiestie, and your publike weale: But all this notwithstandyng, the deuil who had before plāted that vile and euil wede so depely in his heart, that the rote of the same could not be clerely pulled out, but caused his ambicious affections to spring, and shewe it selfe more ranckely than it had done before. For it plainely appeareth that he taried not long in his dissembled good moode and promise, but began a fresshe to imagine, compasse and deuise for the satisfying of his trayterous desire, to make a partie, faccion, and confederacion, wherof he would be the head, and did not onely get as many rules and offices into his hādes of all mennes, as he could possibly attayne, and retayned many gentlemen and yomen into his seruice, makyng a full accompt & reconyng, whiche he declared secretly

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to some of his familiars, that he was thereby able of his owne rules, tenauntes and seruauntes to make ten thousand men, for the obteinyng of his sayd purpose, for whose wages he had also deuised after ten thousand pounides by the moneth, out of your Maiesties Wynte at Bristoll whiche he had obtayned with all your treasour in thesame, by the meanes and consent of sir Wyllyam Sharyngton knight, Vicetreasourer there, to be at his commaundementes: Whiche sir Wyllyam nowe stãdeth attayned of treason. And had also put your graces Castle of the Holt, whereof he had the kepyng, euen now of late in a readynes, and there caused to be prepared a great furniture of Wheat, Malte, Bekes, and a great masse of money for the fedyng and intertainment of a nombet of men, whiche money he caused to be leuied and taxed, halfe the yere before thesame was due, bruiyng also for the better achiuing of his purpose, and to amase therwith the more the people, that your Maiestie, whom God long preserue vnto vs, should be dead: But also he laboured sundrye of your nobles, and other your graces subiectes, to ioyne with him, diuisyng with diuers of them, howe, and by what pollicie, wayes and meanes they should make themselfes strong in their countreys, for that purpose, and how they should wynne vnto them the head yomen, and tynglederts of the common people, declaryng how he ment to haue matched & set one noble man against suche another noble man, as he thought he could neuer compasse and wynne to assent to his faccion and false conspiracy, promisyng to diuers of theim sundry benefites: yea, takyng somuche vpõ him, for the accomplishment of his sayd trayterous intent and purpose, as he spared not to promise your moste excellent person in mariage, to a noble mannes daughter of this your realme. And yet not contented herewith, for the further aduauncement of his moste naughtye and trayterous purpose, did trayterously and vnnaturally practise, euen with your highnes owne person, to make your moste excellent Maiestie (for your tender yeres vnable to vnderstande his false and trayterous purposes) an instrument towardes the vndoyng and distruccion of your highnes, and the subuertion of the whole state of this your graces realme: perswadyng your Maiestie asmuche as in him did lye, not onely to take vpon you, nowe in your young and tender age, the rule and order of your selfe, entendyng & meanyng by the colour thereof, to take into his handes, your moste royall person the rules, and orders of all the affaires of your realmes, and dominions, beyng already by thesayd Lorde Protector, with the aduise of your graces moste honorable counsail, aswel prudently, and politikely gouerned, as valiauntly and nobly defended, against outward enemies to the increase of your immortal fame and honor: But also to cõceiue, & engendre an hatered in your moste noble heart against your derest vncle thesayd Lorde Protectour, and all your true and faythfull counsaylours, to the whiche his deuilishe perswasions and assautes, God

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gaue your highnes, euen at this age, to the great reioyce of all vs your faythfull subiectes and seruauntes, a special grace to resist, aboue commen reason and all expectacion, and moste graciously without any aduise or counsail, to refuse and deny his euyl aduertisemētes and perswacions. And further, the sayd Admiral did moste falsely and trayterously corrupt sundry of your highnes priuie Chamber with many giftes and otherwise, to theintent they should moue and procure your Maiestie, to write sundry letters at his or their deuises, and to put into your graces head, a special and a synguler fauor, affecciō, and trust towardes him, & a disposicion to folow whatsoeuer he would haue wrought towardes al others, that he might ỹ rather haue cōpassed his moste trayterous purpose, whiche must needes haue tended to your Maiesties destruccion (whiche God forbid) and to the vtter ruyne of al vs, your highnes most louyng, faithful, and obedient subiectes: For most gracious souereigne lorde, besides all this, it is moste euident & apparant, that as immediatly after the kyng your fathers death of moste noble memory, he bare a special loue and fauor to your graces syster, the Lady Elizabeth, second person in the remaynder of the state of succession to the croun of this realme after your Maiestie, and the heires of your bodye, whom the liuing God long preserue vnto vs, with increase of muche fruite, and would then of his great presumpcion and trayterous determinacion, haue maried her, if he could by any meane haue brought to passe the same, but that he was stayed by the sayd lorde Protector, & other of your graces counsail: So he did not onely continue in his sayd determinacion towardes her, in the Quene his late wyfes tyme, but also by diuers secret and craftie meanes and practises, continually sought by achiuing of the same sithens the Quenes death, as by sundry wayes is confessed, and appereth. Insomuche as the same beyng perceiued by your sayd derest vncle, and some other beside of your counsail and other personages of reputacion, and the sayd Admiral by them earnestly aduised, to beware of it and to forbeare his pretensed purpose, specially for that it could not be but daungerous to your graces person, he hath not been afrayde to defende his naughtie doynges and purpose in it, and to aske why he should not continue his suite towardes the sayd Lady Elizabeth, with sundrie other woordes, declaryng his full intent and determinacion to it, and neglectyng al good aduises, reasons & monicions, made, geuen, or alleged, contrary to his purpose, he hath secretly & earnestly folowed it, in suche sorte, as if sundry other his mischiuous deuises and practises, had not appered, and come to knowlege, it is euident, that he would haue done, what he could, secretly to haue maried her, as he did the late Quene, whom it may appere he maried first, and after sued to your Maiestie, and the Lorde Protector, and your counsail, for his preferment to it, whom neuertheles it hath been credibly declared, he holpe to her ende, to hast forwardes his other purpose: But what

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this mariage of your sayd syster with his prepared forces and confederacies should meane, and what the getting of the rule and order of your Maiesties Wynte at bristoll, into his handes, with x. thousand menne, whiche besides all his frendes and diuers reteigners, he accompted him selfe furnished of, and able to make at all tymes within his owne rules, and of his owne seruauntes and tenauntes, should tende vnto, for the wages and intertaignmentes of whō he had prepared as is aforesayd, considering that thesayd Admiral at all times when occasion of the seruice of your Maiestie was necessary or requisite, went alwayes backe and refused to take it vpon him, whether it were by sea or lande, as your graces counsail both knowe and diuers times haue lamented, and in that case trauailed with him (in vaine) to bryng him vnto it, wherby no good mynde or will of him towardes your Maiesties saferie or assuraunce can appere. And vpō all these sinister wayes and meanes, what his corrupt and subtle attemptes, of gettyng your moste noble person into his handes; by colour wherof he might haue wrought what he wold, and whatsoeuer his ambicious intent could haue deuised, with his prepparations of victuals, and money, and other his sayd doynges at your sayd graces Castle of the Holte, and in the parties therabeoutes, would haue wrought in the ende, especially in this tender age of your highnes, and whilest your Maiestie is in the gouernement of a Protector: It is fearfull to consider and thynke vpon, and cannot otherwise be taken, but to be in dede more then a manifest declaracion of a trayterous aspiryng to your croune of this realme, and to be kyng of thesame, and an opē dede and act, and a false and traiterous compasse and imagination to depose and depriue your Maiestie, frō your royal estate and title of your realmes, and to compasse and imagine the death of your most noble person and most trayterously to take away, and destroye all thynges, whiche should haue sounded to the let and impedyment of his moste trayterous and ambicious enterprise,

And further gracious souereigne lord to declare the trayterous disposicion of his nature, & how litle he cared to offend your graces lawes, and how he did yet lesse regard his trouth & dutie towardes your grace: Where Wyllyā Sharyngeon knight, late of Lōdon, the x. day of July, in the first yere of your graces reigne, hath in the countie & citie of Bristoll, falsely and trayterously forged and counterfaicted certain of your graces coyne, and further embeseled and purloyned frō your Maiestie vntruely and falsely at the least the summe of xl. M pounde: for part wherof thesame sir Wyllyam Sharyngton vpon his owne confession is attaynted of treason, accordyng vnto your graces lawes, to whiche sayd trayterous actes, thesayd lorde Admiral did not only abbet & procure thesame sir Wyllyam Sharyngton, labouryng him that he should get almuche money from tyme to tyme into his handes for his purpose as he could, so that he might euer haue a good masse in a readynes, but

also sythe the tyme of thesayd treason and trayterours actes, so done by thesayd sir Wyllyam Sharyngton: Thesayd Lorde Admiral hauyng perfect knowlege therof, aswell by the declaracion of the moste part of your highnes counsail, as by some of his owne counsail learned, hath trayterously cõforted, ayded, assisted, and maintained thesayd sir Wyllyam Sharyngton, in his sayd trayterous act and faultes against your graces lawes, & statutes of this realme. takyng the patent, indentures, bookes and recoupynges of thesame sir Wyllyam Sharyngton, of his own auctoritie, into his custody, and affirmyng both to sundry of your graces coũsail, and to diuers of your subiectes, that thesayd Sharyngton had wrong to be committed, deuisyng all the wayes he could possibly, contrary to his ductie and allegeaunce, trayterously to beare him in his euil and trayterous doynges, and to deliuer him if he by any meanes might haue comen by him.

AND for a further proofe to induce that thesayd Admiral did mayntayne and comforte thesame Sharyngton, where thesame Admirall ought to thesayd Sharyngton. ii. M. viii. C. pound, thesayd Sharyngton vpõ a mistrust, whiche he had before his apprehension, that he should for his fault and procedynges come one day to his tryal and examinacion, communicatyng thesame with thesayd Lorde Admirall, the sayd Admirall agreed, and promised, not onely to ayde, and maintayne, and beare him to the vttermost of his power, as in deede he did bothe as is aforesayd, and in cõsultyng with learned men for him, and otherwise: But also for his more assured ayde, beyng indebted to thesayd Sharyngton, the summe of ii. M. viii. C. pound, vntruely conspired with the sayd Sharyngton vpon a bill, whereby it appered that thesayd Sharyngton should owe onto him the summe of ii. M. poũd with interestes so as thesayd Admiral might helpe & relieue him, with that ii. M. poũd with the interest at your Maiesties hand, as a debt vnto himselfe. And also with ii M. viii. C. pounde, which thesayd Admiral ought in dede to thesayd Sharyngton, amountyng in the whole to v. M. vi. C. pound, whiche bill moste vntruely and to the open maintenaunce and fauor of thesayd Sharyngton, thesayd Lorde Admiral affirmed before thesayd lorde protector and your highnes counsail to be a true bill, and thesame ii. M. viii. C. Pounde with the interest to be his iust debt and so was taken, vntil thesayd Sharyngton himselfe confessed & affirmed the truth, whereby the couyn and falshed plainly appeared to the contrary,

Finally moste gracious souereigne lorde, it were to muche and ouer tedious to moleste & trouble your excellẽt Maiestie either with the remembraunce of his euil doynges in his office of the Admiraltie, wherein he hath so manifestly receipted, maintayned, ayded and comforted sundry pyrates and taken to his owne vse the goodes piratously taken against your lawes, and expressely against the orders determined by the Lorde Protector and the whole counsail, where vnto his owne hand hath bien

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for the restitution of them: whereby he hath moued, almoste all Princes Christian, to conceiue a grudge, and displeasure, and by open warres to seke remedies at their owne handes to the greate trouble, and daungier of your maiestie, your realmes and dominions, and to the great charge losse, and disquiet of your moste louyng, and faithfull subiectes, and to the perill of breakyng of the Leagues and treaties, of amitie, betwixte your maiestie, and other foren princes, as their Ambassadors, here haue plainly declared, and as present experience teacheth. Or to expresse hys innumerable vntruthes, falshodes, and deceiptfull practises, discouerying and openyng, of your Maiesties counsailes, refusall to serue your highnes, as he hath been commaunded, oppression, and manifest extorcion, of your maiesties subiectes vsyng Islande, and other voyages by the sea: and his determinacion of reuenge towardes al men, with whom he was offended, whiche his owne letters, and other testimonies, do declare against him, with a full resolucion, to haue put the whole of his intent, shortly in experience and execucion, if God had not preuented it, to the destruccion of your moste royall person, and the subuersion, and alteracion, of the whole state of your realmes, and dominions: Wherfore considering, aswell that he is a member, so vnnatural, vnkynd and corrupt, and suche a heinous offendor, of your maiestie, and your lawes, as he cannot, nor maie conuenientlye be suffered to remaigne in the body of your graces common wealth, but to the extreme daunger, of your highnes, beyng the hedde, and of all the good members of thesame, and is so pernicious, and daungerous an example, that suche a persone, so muche bound and so forgetfull of it, so mercifully heretofore entreated, and by sondry and greate benefites allured, and called, and so cruelly, and ingratefully, continuyng in his false and traiterous intentes and purposes, against your hyghnes, and the whole estate of your Realme, should remain emong vs.

IT maie therfore, please your excellent maiestie, that it maie be enacted, wyth your hyghnes assent, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of thesame: That thesaied Sir Thomas Seimour knight, Lorde Seimour of Sudley, hygh Admirall of England, for thesayed traitetous offences, and dedes, shalbe, by thauctoritie of this present parliament, adiudged, and attaincted, of high treason. And that thesame syr Thomas Seimour knight, lorde Seimour of Sudley, high Admirall of Englande, shall haue, suffre, and sustein, suche peynes of death, as in cases of high treason, haue been vsed, and accustomed. And also that the saied lorde Seimour of Sudley, shall forfeit, and lose, to your maiestie, and your heires all suche Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Wedowes, leases, pastures, woddes, waters, rentes, reuercions, seruices offices, fees, annuities, and all other hereditamentes, goodes, cattalles, and debtes, whatsoeuer thesame Lorde Seimour had, enioyed, or was

ſeazed,or poſſeſſed of,at the.xvii.daie of January, in the ſeconde yere of your graces reigne,or at any tyme ſynce.

AND that all ſuche Caſtles,manours, Landes, Tenementes, medowes,leſues,paſtures,woodes,waters,rentes,reuercions,ſeruices,offices,fees,annuities,and other hereditamentes,to bee, by aucthoritie of thys preſent act,adiudged,veſted, and deamed, in the actuall and reall poſſeſſion of your highnes from theſaied.xvii daie of January,without any office or inquiſicion,to bee thereof had or founde,ſauyng to all and euery perſone,and perſones,and bodies politique and corporate,and to their heires,aſſignes,and ſucceſſors, and to euery of them,other then the ſaied lorde Seimour of Sudley,and his heires,al ſuche rightes,titles intereſtes,vſes,poſſeſſions,reuercions,remainders,entrees,condicions, leaſſes,fees,offices,rentes ſeruices,rentes charges,rentes ſecke, Annuities,commons,and all other commodities,profites,and hereditamentes whatſoeuer,thei or any of them,had,might,or ought to haue had,if this preſent act,had neuer been had nor made.

FVRTHERMORE, the kynges maieſtie is pleaſed, that it bee enacted,that all perſone and perſones, bodyes politique and corporate, and their executors and adminiſtrators,ſhalbe wel and truly contented and payed,vpon their humble ſute and petition,hereafter to bee made,vnto his hyghnes,of all ſuche debtes, whiche eyther by ſpecialtie,or by any other iuſt and true contracte,theſaied Lorde Admirall did owe to them or any of them, at any tyme before theſaied.xvii.daie of January,in the ſaied seconde yere of his maieſties reigne.

The xix. Chapiter.

An act,for the abſtinence from fleſhe.

ALbeit,the kinges ſubiectes,now hauing a more perfect and clere light of the Goſpel,& true word of god through the infinite clemency,and mercy of almighty God, by the handes of the kynges maieſtie and his moſte noble father, of famous memory,promulgate,ſhewed,declared,and opened, and thereby perceiuing,that one daie,or one kynd of meate,of it ſelf is not more holy,more pure,or more cleane then another,for that all daies & all meates,be of their nature, of one equall puritie cleanes,and holines, and that all men ſhould by their liue, to the glory of God,and at all tymes, and for all meates, geue thankes vnto hym of whiche meates,none can defile Chriſtian men,or make them vncleane at any tyme,to whom,all meates be lawfull and pure,ſo that thei bee not vſed in diſobedience or vice: Yet foraſmuche, as diuerſe of the kynges ſubiectes,turnyng their knowlege therein, to ſatiſfie their ſenſualitie, where, they ſhoulde thereby, increaſe in vertue, haue of late tyme,more then in tymes paſt,broken,and contemned ſuche abſtinence,

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whiche hath been vsed in this Realme, vpon the Fridaies and Saturdaies, the Embrying daies, and other daies, commonly called Vigilles, and in the tyme commonly called Lent and other accustomed times: the kynges maiestie consyderyng, that due and godly abstinence, is a meane to vertue, and to subdue mennes bodies, to their soule & spirit, and consideryng also specially that Fishers, and men vsyng the trade of liuyng, by Fyshyng in the Sea, maie thereby the rather, bee set on woorke, and that by eatyng of Fishe, muche Flesshe shalbee saued and increased, and also for diuerse other consyderacions and commodities of this Realme, doth ordeigne and enacte, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall and Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that all maner of statutes, lawes, constitucions, and Vsages, concernyng any maner of fastyng or abstinence from any kynde of meates, heretofore in this realme made or vsed, shal from the first daie of Maie nexte ensuyng, lose their force and strength, and be voyde, and of none effecte. And also that no persone or persones, of what estate, degre, or condicion he or thei be, shall at any time, after the saied first daie of Maie, in the yere of our Lorde God M.D.xlix. wyllyngly and wittyngly, eate any maner of Flesshe, after what maner of kynd or sort, it shalbe ordred dressed, or vsed, vpon any Fridaie, or Saturdaie, or the Embryng daies, or in any daie, in the tyme commonly called Lente, nor at any suche other daie as is, or shalbee at any tyme hereafter commonly accepted and reputed as a Fyshe daie, wythin thys Realme of Englande, wherein it hath been commonly vsed for to eate Fishe, and not Flesshe, vpon pain that euery persone, eatyng any maner of Flesshe, vpon any of thesayed daies or tymes, prohibited by this acte, to forfeit for thesame first offence tenne shyllynges, of lawfull money of Englande, and also to suffre emprisonment, by the space of tenne daies, and duryng the tyme of hys, or her saied emprisonment, to abstein from eatyng of any maner of Flesshe.

AND if any person, after he shalbe lawfully cõuict of any offence contrary to this act, do eftsones offend, contrary to this act, and be therof lawfully cõuict, that then euery person so offendyng, the second tyme, shall for his second offence, forfeit xx.s. of lawfull money of Englande, and also suffre emprisonment, by the space of .xx. daies, and duryng the tyme of hys, or her sayed emprisonment, to absteine from eatyng of any maner of flesshe, and so lyke pein and emprisonment, as often as he or she afterwarde shall offende.

AND furthermore, it is ordeigned and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that Justices of Gaole deliuery, or Justices of Peace, in all and singuler Counties, cities, tounes corporate, and other places wyth in this realme of England, and other the kynges dominions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to inquire, heare, and determine, all and all maner offences, that shalbe committed or doen, contrary to thys acte, in

lyke maner and fourme, as they maie inquire, heare, and determine any treſpas or other offence, againſt the kinges peace, cõmitted or doen, with in the limites or place, where thei then ſhalbe Juſtices of Gaole deliuer, or Juſtices of Peace. And the moytie of euery ſuch forfeiture, ſhalbe to our ſouereaigne Lorde the kyng, his heires and ſucceſſors, and ſhalbe extreated into the Courte of therchequer, in like maner and forme, as fines for any treſpas, or other offence, cõmitted againſt the kynges peace, ought or ſhould be extreated: And the other moitie of the ſaid forfeiture, ſhalbe to him that will ſue for the ſame, by byll, plaint, informacion, or otherwiſe, in any of the kynges Courtes of Record, in whiche no eſſoyne protection, or wager of lawe ſhalbe allowed.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it ordeined and enacted, by thauthoritie aforeſaid, that this act, or any thing therin conteigned, ſhal not in anywiſe extend, to any perſõ or perſons, that heretofore hath, or hereafter ſhall haue obteined, any licence of our ſouereaigne lorde the Kyng, his heires or ſucceſſors, nor to any perſon beyng in great age, and in debilitie, and weakenes thereby, nor to any perſon beyng ſicke, or notably hurt, without fraude or couin, duryng the time of his or her ſayed ſickenes, nor to any womã beyng with child, or lyng in child bed, for eatyng of ſuche one kind of fleſhe, as ſhe ſhall haue greate luſt vnto, nor to any perſon being in priſon, for any other offẽce, then for any offence, cõtrary to this act, neither to any that is or hereafter ſhalbe the kinges highnes lieutenaunt, deputie, or captain of any his maieſties armie, hold, or forteſſe, but theſame, themſelfes maie eate Fleſhe, and licence and permit their ſouldiours, to do theſame in tymes prohibited, vpon the want and lacke of other kynde of vitayll, neither ſhall extende to ſainct Laurence euen, ſainct Markes daie, or any other daie or euen, beyng abrogat, neither to any ſuche, as heretofore haue obteined any licence, in due forme of the Archebiſhop of Cantorbury.

AND further be it enacted, by thauthoritie aforeſaid, that al Archbiſhoppes, Biſhoppes, Archdeacons, and their officers, or the officers of any of them, ſhall haue power to inquire, of the offendors, in the premiſſes, and preſent theſame to ſuche from tyme to tyme, as by vertue of this act, haue authoritie to heare, and determine theſame.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that no maner of perſone or perſones, be empeched, moleſted, or troubled, or ſhal incurre any pein, penaltie, or forfeitnre, for any offence contrary to the act, before reherſed, committed or doen except he or thei be accuſed, conuented or Indicted, of, and for theſaied offence, according to the tenor of this ſtatute. within .iii. monethes, next after the committyng of theſaied offence.

The .xx. Chapiter.

An act, for the qualefiyng of the ſtatute, of Recuſantes.

Where

WHere in the Parliament, holden vpon Prorogacion at Westminster, the.iii. daie of Nouēbre, in the.xxvi. yere of the reigne of the moste excellent Prince, kyng Henry the eight, father to our soueraigne Lorde the kynges maiestie, that nowe is, amongest other thynges concernyng the payment of one annuell pencion of the.x. parte of all possessions of the Churche, spirituall and Temporall, graunted to the kynges Hyghnes and his heires, it was enacted, ordeined, and establyshed, that euery Ecclesiasticall persone, and other, hauyng any Ecclesiasticall promocion or dignitie, specified in thesayed act, whiche dyd not duely paie, thesaied.x. part and by reason thereof, were certified by the Archebishop, Byshop, or other aucthorised in thesayed acte, should vpon suche certificat made, according to the tenor of thesaid act, be iudged deprriued *ipso facto*, of al such dignities, and promocions spirituall, that any suche Incūbent, making suche default, had, at the time of suche certificat made, or at any tyme after, as by thesaied act, more plainly may appere: Forasmuch as the pein limited in thesaied statute, in such forme and maner, as in thesame is expressed, is very sore and daungerous, vnto all the kynges faithfull, and obediēt subiectes of the Clergie, whereof diuerse, sithe the makyng of the saied statute, intending none otherwyse, then moste wyllingly, and with good hart, that paiment should be made, of thesaied tenthes by thē due, without fraude or delaie, to suche officers, & at suche time, as by thesaid statutes is appointed, & declared, by the default and negligēce, of their Fermors, and other whom they haue trusted, to make paiment thereof, and by diuerse other sinister meanes, beyng certified, or makyng default of paiment, haue incurred the pain, and daunger of thesaid statute, with the losse and deprriuacions, of all the spiritual promocions, whereof thei were then Incumbentes, beyng also made vnhable, to take any other, to the vtter vndoyng of suche persones, and the like perill and daunger, of many other the kinges moste humble, and faithful subiectes of the clergie, against whom, the like thynges may be practised, and attēpted hereafter: for the moderacion of whiche pein, and to thende that the kynges maiestie, our soueraigne lorde, that now is, and his heires and successors maie bee truely aunswered, and satisfyed of thesaied yerely Pencion, or Annuall Rente, of the tenthe parte, vnited and knytte to hys Imperiall Croune, in maner and fourme as in thesayed Acte is conteigned: The kynges sayed faithfull, and moste obedient Subiectes, the Clergie of thys Realme, do moste humbly beseche hys Maiestie, that it maie bee enacted and established, by his highnes, the Lordes spiritual and Temporall, and the Commons, in this present Parliamēt assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame: That if any some, of thesaied Annuall Pencion, being once due and demaūded, according to the maner and fourme specified in thesaied Acte, be not truely contented and paied, vnto suche

Archebyshop, or Bishop, or their ministers, and officers, or to such other persone or persones, or their ministers, or seruauntes, as shall haue the charge and Collection thereof, euery yere yerely, at the tyme of thesaied acte expressed, and thereupon certificat made, into the kynges maiesties Court of firste fruites ano Tenthes, in writting vnder the seales, of any Archebishoppe, or Bishop, or of suche as bee limited, and charged to the Collection of thesayed Pencion, by thesaied former act: then euery Incumbent, so makyng default and certifyed, shalbee iudged depriued *ipso facto*, of that onely dignitie benefyce, or other Ecclesiasticall promocion, by what name soeuer it be called, whereof suche certificat shalbe made. So that suche dignitie, benefice, or other Ecclesiastical promociō, wherof any Incumbent, makyng suche default of paiment, shalbe adiudged depriued, as is beforesaied, shalbe clerely voyde, destitute of Incumbēt in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes, as yf suche Incumbente, makyng suche defaulte of paiment, were dedde in deede: And that no Incumbent, makyng suche defaulte of paiment, shalbe therefore made vnhable, to take or enioye, any other benefite or promocion Spirituall, or incurre any penaltie, forfeiture or losse, to be paied by them, their executors or assignes, for thesame default, other then in this presēt act, is herebefore expressed, any thyng in thesaied former act, or any other statutes or actes conteigned to the contrary notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED alwaie, that thesayed former acte, corcernyng the paiment of thesayed yerely Rent and pencion, amountyng to the tenthe part of euery suche dignitie, benefice, or promocion spirituall, and euery other acte, touchyng thesame, & all articles, clauses, and sentences in thē or any of theim mentioned, expressed, or conteigned, now beyng in his or their force and effect, other then suche, as by this present acte, bee alredy qualefied or moderated, shall stande and abyde, in all hys or there full strength, effect and vertue, any thing in this present act conteigned notwithstandyng.

¶ The.xxi. Chapiter.

An Acte, to take awaie all positiue Lawes made against the mariage of priestes.

ALthough it were not onely better, for the estimacion of Priestes, and other Ministers in the Churche of God, to liue chast, sole, and seperate from the cōpaignie of women, and the bonde of mariage, but also thereby, they might the better intende, to the administracion of the Gospell, and bee lesse entricated and troubled, with the charge of houshold, beyng fre and vnburdened, from the care and cost of fyndyng wife

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and children: And that it were meete to be wyshed, that thei would wyllyngly and of their selfes, endeuor them selfe, to a perpetuall chastitie and abstinence, from the vse of women: yet forasmuche, as the contrary hath rather been seen, and suche vnclennes of lyuyng, and other greate inconueniences, not mete to be rehersed haue folowed of compelled chastitie and of suche Lawes, as haue prohibited those suche persones, the Godly vse of Mariage: It were better, and rather to bee suffered, in the Common wealthe, that those whiche could not conteigne, should after the counsaill of Scripture, lyue in holy Mariage, then feynedly abuse with worse enormitie, outward Chastitie, or syngle lyfe: Bee it therefore enacted, by our souereigne Lorde the kyng, wyth the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in thys presente Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that all and euery Lawe, and lawes positiue, Cannons, Constitucions, and Ordinaunces, heretofore made, by aucthoritie of manne onely, whyche dothe prohibite, or forbyd mariage, to any Ecclesiasticall, or Spirituall persone or persones, of what estate, condicion, or degree thei be, or by what name or names, soeuer they be called, whyche by Goddes lawe, maie lawfully mary, in all and euery Article, braunche, and sentence, concernyng onely the prohibicon, for the mariage of the persones aforesayed, shalbee vtterly voyde, and of none effecte. And that all maner of Forfeitures, peines, penalties, crimes, or Accions which were in thesaid lawes conteigned, and of thesame dyd folowe, concernyng the prohibicion for the mariage of the persones aforesayd, be clerely, and vtterly, voide, frustrat, and of none effecte, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, aswell concernyng mariage, heretofore made, by any of the Ecclesiasticall or Spirituall persones, aforesayed, as also suche whiche hereafter shalbee duely and lawfully had, celebrate, and made, betwicte the persones, whiche by the lawes of God, maie lawfully mary.

PROVIDED alwayes, and bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that thys Acte, or any thyng therein conteygned, shall not extende, to geue any libertie to any persone, to Mary wythoute askyng in the Churche, or wythout any Ceremonie, beeyng appoynted, by the Order prescribed and sette furthe, in the Booke entytled, The Booke of the Common prayer, and Administracion of the Sacramentes, &c. any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrarie, in any wyse notwythstandyng.

PROVIDED also, and bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that thys Acte, or any thynge therein conteygned, shall not extende to alter, chaunge, Reuoke, Repell, or otherwyse to dysanull, any decree, Judgemente, Sentence, or Deuorce, heretofore hadde, or made: But that all and euerie suche Decree, Judgement, Sentence, and Deuorce, shall remaigne, and bee, of suche lyke force, Effecte, strength, and degree, to all Intentes, Constructions, and Purposes,

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as they were in before the makyng of thys acte, and as though this act had neuer been had ne made: this act or any thyng therin conteigned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

The.xxii.Chapiter.

An act, for the colouryng of Customes, in other mennes names.

WHere at the Parliament, holden at Westminster, in the first yere of the reigne, of the noble kyng of famous memorie, Henry the eyght, it was ordeigned, establyshed, and enacted, by the auctoritie of thesaied Parliament, that it should be lefull frō thence forthe, that euery Englysheman, and all other the kynges subiectes, might in euery Porte or Hauen, within this realme of England, Ireland and Wales, and the Marches of thesame, and in the Toune of Berwicke, where it should happen, any Merchaundise to arriue, or to bee charged and caried out, to custome in his name, all maner of goodes, and merchaundise, of another Englisheman, or the kynges subiecte. And in lyke forme euery merchaunt Straunger, to Custome in hys name any goodes or merchaundise, of any other merchaunt Straungier, so that thesayed Merchaunt Straungier, that Customes the goodes, of another merchaunt Straunger, and the very owner or Proprietarie, of the goodes so Customed, bee charged with like Custome, Subsidie, and other thinges, so that the kynges grace, were not defrauded of hys ryght. And if any merchaunt Straungier, or Denyson, or any other the kynges subiect, Custome any goodes or merchaundise, of any other Straungier or Denison, or of any other the kynges Subiecte, whereby the kynges grace, should lose his Custome, subsidie, or other his right or dutie, that then thesaied merchaunt Straungier, or Denison, or any other the kynges subiect, that so taketh vpon hym or them to do, should forfeit to the kyng, the goodes or merchaundise so Customed, and ouer that to forfeite to the partie or parties in that behalf greued, as muche money, as the goodes or merchaundise, of the merchaunt Straungier, Denison, or other the kynges subiecte, so cauteously Customed, amounted vnto. And that no citizen of Londō, or other the kinges subiectes, inhabityng in the cinque Portes, or any other beyng free of Prisage, or Butlarage, of Wynes, by Graunt, Custome, or otherwyse, should Custome no Wines, of any persone or persones, not beyng free of any Prisage, or Butlarage. And if any person, free of thesaied Prisage, or Butlarage so did, that then thesaied persone or persones, that so dyd, should forfeite to the kyng, the double value of the Prisage, of thesaid Wines so Customed. And further, that it should be lawfull, to any person or persons greued, contrary to the saied act, to haue an action of debt, against any persone or

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persones, that so customed the goodes, or Merchaundises in hys name, and not in the owners name, or the some of the value, of the sayed merchaundise, so customed and forfeited. In the whiche action, none essoyne nor protection should lye, nor the defendaunt to wage hys lawe, as by the saied former act, more at large doth appere. Sithens the makyng of whiche acte, diuerse persones, aswell straungers, and Denisons, as the kynges subiectes, forgettyng their bounden duties, to the kinges highnes, and nothyng fearyng the penalties, and forfeitures, mencioned in the saied former act, doo daily deceiue the kyng, aswell in his customes, and subsedies, by paiment of customes and Subsedies, in the names of suche persones, other then suche as be the very owners, or proprietaries of the goodes, wares, and merchaundise, of the prisage and Butlarage of Wines due to the kyng: wherefore be it ordeyned and enacted, by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, with the assent of the lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that if any straungier borne, Denisen or not Denisen, or any the kynges subiectes, doe at any tyme, from, or after the last daie of Marche next commyng, any thyng or act, contrary to the true meanyng, tenor, and purporte, of the same former act and statute, that then he and they so offendyng, shall lose and forfeit, all his and their owne goodes, and cattalles, personalles, for euer: The moytie of whiche forfeiture, shalbe to the kyng, and the other moytie to him or the that will sue for the same, by bill, plaint, accion of debte, or informacion, in whiche bill, plainte, accion, or informacion, no wager of lawe, essoyne or protection, shalbe admitted or allowed.

PROVIDED alwaie, and be it enacted, by thaucthoritie aboue-saied that euery suche bill, plaint, accion or informacion, shalbe had and pursued, within.iii. yeres next ensuyng, any suche offence committed or doen, or els the offendor, to bee clerely free, and discharged thereof, any lawe or statute, to the contrary had or made, notwithstandyng.

❧ The.xxiii. Chapiter.

An act, for the repeale of a statute, touchyng precontractes.

WHereas in the.xxxii. yere of the reigne, of the late kyng of famous memory, kyng Henry theight, bicause that many inconuenences, had chaūced in this realme, by breakyng and dissoluyng, of good and lawfull mariages, yea, whereupon also, sometyme issue and childre had folowed, vnder the colour and pretence, of a former contract, made with another, the whiche contract, diuerse tymes was but very slenderly proued, and often, but surmised by the malice of the partie, who desired to be dissolued from the mariage whiche they liked not, and to be coupled with another: there was an acte

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made,that all and euery such mariages,as within the Churche of Englande,should be contracted and solempnized, in the face of the Churche, and cõsummate with bodily knowlege,or fruite of children or childe,beyng had betwene the parties so maried, should be,by aucthoritie of thesaied Parliamẽt,demed,iudged,and taken,to be lawful,good,iust, and indissoluble,notwithstandyng any precontract,or precontractes of matrimony,not consũmate wyth bodily knowlege whiche either of the persones so maried,or bothe had made,with any other persone or persones, before the tyme of contractyng that mariage whiche is solempnized or consũmated, or whereof suche fruite is ensued,or mate ensue, as by thesame act, more plainly mate appere: Sith the time of the whiche act,although thesame was godly meant, the burulines of men, hath vngodly abused thesame, and diuerse inconueniences (intollerable in maner, to Christian eares and tyes)folowed therupon,women and men,breakyng their owne promises and faithes made by the one vnto thother, so set vpon sensualtie and pleasure,that if after the cõtract of Matrimony,ther might haue, whome they more fauored and desired,they could bee contented,by lightnes of their nature,to ouerturne all that ther had doen afore,and not afeard in maner, euen frõ the very churche dooze,and mariage feast,the man to take another spouse,and the espouse to take another husband,more for bodily lust,and carnall knowlege, then for suretie of faithe and truth,or hauyng God in their good remembraunce,cõtempnyng many tymes also,the commaundement of the Ecclesiasticall Iudge,forbiddyng the parties hauing made the contract,to attempt or do any thyng in prejudice of thesame: Be it therfore enacted by the kynges highnes,the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that as concernyng precontractes, thesaied former estatute, shall from the first daie of Maie next cõmyng, cesse,be repeled,and of no force or effecte,and be reduced,to the state and ordre of the kynges Ecclesiasticall lawes of thys realme, whiche immediatly before the makyng of thesaied estatute, in thys case were vsed in this realme:so that from thesaied first daie of Maie, when any cause or contracte of mariage,is pretended to haue been made, it shalbe lawfull to the kynges Ecclesiastical Iudge, of that place,to heare,and examine thesaied cause: And(hauyng thesaied contract sufficiently,and lawfully proued before hym)to geue sentence for matrimonie, commaundyng solempniation,cohabitacion, consummacion,and tractacion,as it becommeth manne and wife to haue, with inflycting all suche peines vpon the disobedientes and disturbers therof,as in tymes paste,before thesayed statute,the kynges Ecclesiasticall Iudge by the kynges Ecclesiastical lawes,ought,and might haue doen,yf thesayed statute, had neuer been made,any clause,article,or sentence in thesaid statute,to the contrary in anywyse notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED alwaies,and be it enacted,that this act do not extende

tend to disanull, dissolue, or breake, any mariage, that hath or shalbe so solempnizated and consumated, before the said first date of May, nexte ensuyng, by title or colour of any precontract, but that they bee, and bee demed, of like force and effecte, to al intentes, constructions and purposes, as if this act had neuer been had, ne made, any thyng in this present act notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED also, that this act, do not extende to make good any of the other causes, to the dissolucion or disanullyng of Matrimony whiche be in the said act spoken of, and disanulled. But that in all other causes, and other thynges there mencioned, the said former acte, of the xxxiii. yere of the late king, of famous memory, do stande and remain in his full strength and power, any thyng in thys act notwithstandyng.

¶ The.xxxiii. Chapiter.

An act, for the triall of murders and Felonies, committed in seuerall Counties.

FOrasmuche, as the moste necessarie office and dutie of lawe, is, to preserue and saue the lyfe of man, and condignly to punishe suche persons that vnlawfully and wilfully, murdre, sley, or destroie men: and also that another office, and dutie of lawe, is, to punish robbers and theues, whiche daily endeuor them selfes, to robbe and stealc, or geue assistãce to the same, and yet by craft and cautele, to escape from the same with out punishment. And where it often happeneth, and cõmeth in vre, in sondery counties of this realme, that a man is felonously striken, in one countie, and after dieth in another Countie, in which case it hath not been founden, by the lawes or customes of this realme, that any sufficient Indictment therof can be taken, in any of the said two counties, for that by the custome of this realme, the Juriors of the Countie, where suche partie died of suche stroke, can take no knowlege of the said stroke, beyng in a forein Countie, although the same.ii. Counties and places, adioyne very nere together: Ne the Juriors of the countie, wher the stroke was geuen, can not take knowlege of the death in another Countie, although suche death, moste apparantly come of the same stroke: So that the kynges Maiestie, within his owne realme, cannot by any lawes yet made or knowen, punishe suche murderers, or manquellers for offences in this forme committed and doen, nor any appele at some time maie lye for the same, but doth also faile, and the said murderers and mãquellers escape thereof, without punishement, al well in cases, where the counties where such offences be committed and doen maie ioyne, as other wise, where thei maie not ioyne. And also, it is a common practise, amongest errant theues and Robbers in thys Realme, that after they haue Robbed or stollen in one Countie, they wyll conueigh their spoyle, or parte therof so robbed and stollen, vnto some of their adherentes, into some

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other Countie, where the principal offence, was not committed ne doen, who knowyng of suche Felony, wyllyngly and by false couyn, receiueth thesame: In whiche case, although the principall Felone, bee after attainted in the one Countie, the Accessary escapeth by reason that he was accessary in an other Countie, and that the Juriours of thesayed other Countie, by any lawe yet made, can take no knowlege of the principall Felony, ne attainder in the first Countie, and so suche accessaries escape thereof vnponyshed, and doo often put in vre thesame, knowynge that they maie escape, wythout punyshment. For redresse and punyshment of whyche offences, and safegarde of mannes lyfe: Bee it enacted, by aucthoritie of thys presente Parliament, that where any persone or persones hereafter shalbe feloniously stryken, or poisoned in one Countie and dye of thesame stroke or poisonyng, in another countie, that then an Indictment thereof founden, by Juriors of the Conntie, where the death shall happen, whether it shalbe founden before the Crouner, vpō the sight of suche ded body, or before the Justices of Peace, or other Justices, or Commissioners, whiche shall haue aucthoritie, to inquire of suche offences, shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, as if the stroke or poysonyng, had been committed and doen in thesame Countie, where the partie shall dye, or where suche Indictment shalbee so founden, any lawe or vsage to the contrary notwithstandyng. And that the Justices of Gaole deliuery, and Oyer and Terminer, in thesame Countie, where such Indictment, at any tyme hereafter shalbe taken: And also the Justices of the kynges Benche, after suche Indictment shalbee remoued before thē, shall and maie procede vpon thesame, in all poinctes, as thei should or ought to do, in case suche felonious stroke, and death therby ensuyng or poysonyng, and death thereof ensuyng, had growen all in one same countie. And that suche partie, to whom, appele of murdre, shalbe geuen by the lawe, maie commense, take, and sue appele of murdre, in thesame countie, where the partie so feloniously striken, or poysoned shall dye, as well against the principall and principalles, as against euery accessary to thesame offences, in whatsoeuer countie or place, the accessary or accessaries, shalbe gyltie to thesame. And further, the Justices before whō any suche appele shalbe commensed, sued and taken, within the yere and daie, after suche mmrdre & manslaughter, committed and doen, shal procede against all, and euery suche accessary and Accessaries, in thesame countie, where suche appele shalbe so taken, in like maner and forme, as if thesame offence or offences, of accessary or accessaries, had been committed and doen, in thesame countie, where suche appele shalbe so taken aswell concernyng the triall, by the Juriors or .xii. men, of suche Countie where such appele or appeles. shalbee hereafter taken, vhon the plee of not giltie, pleaded by suche offendor or offendors, as otherwise.

AND further, bee it enacted, by aucthoritie aforesayed, that where any murdre or felony, hereafter shalbee committed and doen, in one coū-

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tie, and an other person or mo shalbe accessare or accessaries in any maner of wyse to any suche murther or Felonie in any other Countie, that then an Indictment founde or taken agaynst such accessarie and accessaries, vpon the circumstaunce of such matter before the iustices of the peace, or other Justices of commissioners, to enquire of Felonies in the countie where such offences of accessarie or accessaries in any maner of wise shalbe committed or done, shalbe as good and effectuall in the law, as if thesaid principal offence had ben cõmitted or done within thesame countie wher thesame Indictment against such accessarie shalbe found. And that the iustices of Gaole deliuery or Oyer and Terminer or .ii. of them, of or in such countie where the offence of any such accessarie shalbe hereafter committed and done vpõ suit to them made, shall write to the Custos Rotulorum, or keper of the recordes where such principal shalbe hereafter attainted, or cõuicted, to certifie them whether suche principal be attainted, cõuicted or otherwise discharged of such principal felonie, who vpon such writing, to them or any of thẽ directed, shal make sufficiẽt certificat in writing vnder their seale or Scales to thesaid Justices, whether such principall bee attainted, conuicted or otherwyse discharged, or not. And after that they so shall haue the custodie of suche Recordes, doo certifie that suche principall is attainted, conuicted, or otherwyse discharged of suche offence by the law: That then the iustices of Gaole deliuery or of Oyer and Terminer or other ther aucthorised, shall proceede vpon euery such accessarie in the countie where suche accessarie or accessaries became accessarie in suche maner and fourme, as if both thesaied principal offence and accessarie had been committed and done in thesayed Countie where the offence of accessarie was or shalbe cõmitted or done. And that euery suche accessarie and other offendors aboue expressed, shal aunswere vpõ their arraynmentes, and receiue suche tryall, Judgement, ordre, and execucion, and suffre suche forfaitures, paynes and penalties as is vsed in other cases of felonie, any lawe, or custome to the contrary heretofore vsed in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ The.xxv. Chapiter.

An acte for the keping of the Countie dayes.

Where heretofore the moste parte in all Shieres and Counties with in this Realme, the Countie Courte is and hath been vsually kept and holden from Moneth to Moneth, and so at euery Monethes ende one Countie, yet albeit in some Countries (thoughe not many) thesaied Countie Courtes are holden from syx wekes to syxe weekes, by force whereof the officers awarde out proces, aswell of the king, as proces for the peace out of the

kynges Benche, as also other commō proces betwixt partie and partie and the Attorneis and Solicitors (who sue thesame) not knowing the pruate custome of those perticuler Shieres whiche haue and vse their Counties to be holdē euery syxe weekes, geue their proces like retorne, as in those Shieres whiche haue common custome, to holde and kepe Countie Courtes euery moneth, wherby the kynges sutes be not onely deferred, the playntefes and demaundantes delayed of their lawfull action and demaundes, but also thesaied pleintefes and demaundantes therby put to doble coste and charge, to the great ignominy and slaunder of the lawe, encoragyng of the offendours and trausgressours, and to the cōtinuall impouerishing of all those who haue cause of sute: Inconsyderacion whereof, be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne Lord, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in this presēt Parliament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of thesame, that from and after the firste day of Octobre nexte ensuyng this presēt Session of parliament, no countie courte or courtes, hereafter to be kept within this Realme, shalbe longer deferred but one Moneth from courte to courte, and so thesaied courtes from hencefoorth shabe kept euery Moneth and none otherwise: Any vsage, custome, statute, or lawe, heretofore had or made to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that the Sherysse of Northumberland from thencefoorth shall kepe the countie courte of that Shyre in the Toune or Castell of Alnewyke and in none otherplace, any latter vse, latelie begon and brought in to the contrary notwithstanding.

The.xxvi. Chapiter.

An acte, against the caryng of whyte Asshes out of this Realme.

CONsyderyng that whyte Asshes made within the Realme, and other the kynges Dominions and terrytories, are very necessarye and expedient for the makyng of Sope and Saltpeter, and for the whytyng of Lynnen clothe, Dyyng, and skowryng of Woollen clothe, and for other nedefull thinges in the Realme, and that thesame Asshes nowe of late haue been commonlye conueyghed ouer the Seas, and thereby inhaunsed in pryce, and so skarse that the kynges louyng subiectes cannot haue sufficient of thesame for any conuenient prices: Wherfore, be it ordeigned and enacted by the kynges hyghnes, wyth the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and of the Commons in this presēt Parliament assembled, and by

by the aucthozite of the same, that no person oz persones, after the fyrste daye of Apzill next commyng, shall shyppe, lade, carye oz conuaye, any whyte Asshes, towardes the parties beyonde the Seas, vpon payne of forfayture of. vi. s. viii. d. foz euerye Busshell of suche Asshes so to be shypped oz laded to be caryed oz conuayed into the parties beyonde the Seas: The moytie of whyche forfaiture, shalbe to the kynge, and the other moytie to hym oz the that wil sue foz the same in any of the kinges Courtes of recozde, by accion, byll, playnt, oz informacion, in the whych accion, byll, playnt, oz informacion, no wager of Lawe, essoyne, oz protection, shalbe admitted oz alowed.

The. xxvii. Chapiter.

An acte agaynst the false forgyng of Gaddes of Steele.

Where dyuerse persones of late, haue deceiptfullye forged and made of certayne yron called Bylbowe yron, lyke to the fashyon and maner of Gaddes of Stele, and haue solde the same so forged to diuerse of the kinges Subiectes foz Stele, wher, by the greatest parte of edged toles, weapons, and other necessarie thynges hauyng edges, are of lytle oz no value oz goodnes, to the greate hurte of the kynges louyng Subiectes: foz reformacion whereof, be it enacted by the kynges hyghnes by the assent of the Lozdes Spiritual and Temporall and of the Commons in this presente Parliamente assembled, and by the aucthozitie of the same, that yf any persone after the first day of Maye nexte commynge, do forge, oz make, any suche Gaddes of yron, oz doo vtter oz put to sale anye suche Gaddes of any yron, shall forfayte foz euery Gadde so forged oz vttered oz put to sale. iiii. d. the moytie of whyche forfayture, shalbe to the kynge, and the other moytie to hym oz them that wyl sue foz the same, in any of the kynges Courtes of Recozde, by accion, byll, playnt, oz informacion, in the whiche accion, byll, playnte, oz informacion, no wager of lawe, protection oz essoyne, shalbe allowed oz admytted.

The. xxviii. Chapiter.

An acte foz Fines wyth Proclamacions in the Countie Palentine of Chester.

IN humble wyse shewyng vnto your excellent maiestie, youre true and faythfull Subiectes and lyegemen the inhabitauntes of your graces Countie Palentine of Chester: That where as heretofore by aucthoritie of Parliament, diuerse necessarie and beneficiall estatutes haue been made for and concerning the leuiyng of Fynes with Proclamacion, whiche are not onely necessarie for the preseruacion of quietnes and concorde amongest youre louyng Subiectes, and for the auoyding of stryfe and contencion, but also for great and perfecte assuraunce of all suche persones, to whom any suche fynes is leuyed of any landes tenementes, and hereditamentes, whiche saied beneficial and necessarie estatutes do not extend to any Fynes to bee leuyed wythin youre sayed Countie Palentyne of Chester: In tender consideracion whereof, pleaseth it your moste excellent maiestie that it maie bee enacted by your highnes and the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that all and synguler Fynes whiche at any tyme hereafter shalbe leuyed or knowleged before the hyghe Justice of oure soueraygne Lorde the Kyng, or of hys heires and Successours of his Countie Palentine of Chester for the tyme beyng, or before the Deputie or Lieutenaunt, iustice there for the tyme beyng, of any landes, tenemētes, or other hereditamentes, liyng or beyng wythin thesayed Countie Palentine of Chester, whyche shalbe openly redde and proclaymed three seuerall dayes in the open Cessions, in the presens of the Justice of thesayed Countie Palentine of Chester for the tyme beyng, or before the Deputie or Liuetenaunt Justice there at thesame Cessions that thesame Fyne shall fortune to bee engrossed: And also that shalbe openly redde and proclaimed in the presence of the Justice of thesayed Countie Palentine of Chester, or before the Deputie or Liuetenaunt iustice there for the tyme beyng, at the two next generall Cessions that shalbe holden in thesayd Countie Palentine of Chester before the Justice of thesame Countie Palentine, or before the Deputie or Liuetenaunt Justice there, nexte after the leuiyng and engrossyng of suche sayed Fyne at three seuerall dayes in eyther of thesayed two Cessions, after such maner and fourme as is commenly vsed in the Kynges Court of commen pleys at Westminster, shalbe of lyke force, strength, and effecte, in the lawe, to all ententes, construccions, and purposes: as Fines beyng duely leuied with proclamacions before the kinges Justices of his comen pleyes, be or ought to bee of.

¶ The.xxix.Chapiter.

¶ An act against Sodomy.

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FOr asmuche as there is not at this present tyme any sufficient and cõdigne punishment appointed by due course of the lawes of this realme, for the detestable vice of Buggory: Be it therfore enacted by the assent of the kinges highnes, the Lordes spirituall and temporal and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that al and euery offendor or offendors in that cryme, after the first day of April next ensuyng, beyng thereof conuicted, or attainted by verdite, confession, outlary, or otherwise, shal suffre suche paynes of death, without losse of goodes or lãdes, or any other commoditie, his onely lyfe excepted, as felons conuicted or attainted of Felony been accustomed to do, touching thesayd paines of death, by the common lawes of this realme: And that no such person shall enioye the priuelege or benefite of his or their Clergy or Sanctuary: And that the Justices of Peace shall haue full power and authoritie, within the limites of their commission, and iurisdiccions, to heare and determine the sayd offence, touchyng thesayed paynes of death, as they do, and haue vsed to do in cases of felonye: Sauyng to the wyfe and chyldren, the heires and successours, and administratours of thesayd offendour or offendours and all other persones, and bodies politique, other then the sayd offendour or offendours, all suche right, title, clayme and interest, to all and euery thesayd offendour or offendours, goodes, landes, and hereditamẽtes, as they or any of them might haue, or ought to haue had if thesaid offendour or offendours had dyed his or their naturall death, or had neither in this case, neither by any other meane offended any of the kynges lawes.

Prouided that no maner of person be empeched or molested for the sayd offence by reason of this present acte, except thesayd person be endicted of thesayd offence within vi. monethes next and immediatly folowyng the tyme of committyng thesame. And that no person be receyued for wytnes, or to laye or geue euidence against thesaid offendor, as vpon whose credite the enquest should enfourme themselfe, whiche person should take any profite or commoditie by the death of thesaid offendor, if he were attainted or conuicted of thesaid cryme and offence: Nor that any suche attaindour shal make any corruption of bloud to the heire or heires of suche offendour or offendours.

The.xxx. Chapiter.

An acte for the tounes of Rye and Wynchelsey and for the castyng of Ballast into the Cambet.

FOrasmuche as the inhabitauntes of the tounes and portes of Rye and Wynchelsey in the countie of Susser, haue truly enfourmed the kynges moste honorable counsail, that the Harborow and Roade, called the Cambet beyng nere to the sayd tounes of Rye, and Wynchelsey (lyng ouer agaynst

the coastes of Dieppe in Fraunce) in tymes past hath bene a harborough able to receyue CC. or CCCC sayle of Shyppes, aswell in tymes of warre, as in tymes of peace, And beinge there myght not onely issue out therof at all tymes to encounter their enemies, but also in times of stormy wyndes, myght haue had rescue and good Harborough in the same to the great safegarde of the kynges shippes and merchauntes passing to and fro, vpon the narrowe seas. Yet nowe of late, not onely the sayed harborobgh & roade, called the Camber, but also all the Inne Creekes nere vnto Rye and Wynchelsey aforesayd partly by occasion of casting of Ballast into thesame harborough and Creekes, and partely because dyuers Marshes Inned take in no water to skower the Channell, but let out their freshe water at gutters, so that at thys present the Channel there, is so choked, swared, and fylled vp, that ther cannot lye in thesame harborough, aboue. xxx. or xl. sayle of shyppes, and yet thesame shyppes cannot come into thesame harborough wythout great daunger: Therefore it is enacted and ordayned by the kyng oure souereigne Lorde, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that the Maiors and Jurates of Rye and Wynchelsey, nowe beyng, before the. xx. day of Aprill next commynge, shal appoynt conuenient places, to lay on all Ballast, that shalbe cast oute of any Hoye, Shyppe, Crayer, Bote, or other vessel, whych after the fyrst day of May next commyng, shal come into, or wythin thesayd Harborough or roade, to the entent to receiue or take into it, any freight or ladynge in those parties. And that all manner of Ballast that shalbe had or cast out of any Hoye, Ship, Crayer, Bote, or other vessel, after thesayd first day of May, shall by the persones beinge in euerye Hoye, shyppe, Crayer, Bote, or other vessell, be layed vpon suche places, as thesayed Maiors and Jurates, or the more nomber of them, shall appoint and assigne, and at no other place, vpō payne of forfaiture of. xl. s. of lawful money of England for the first part or portion of Ballast, so cast ouer, and. xl. s. for euery Tonne of Ballast, residue, beynge cast out of any Hoye, Shyppe, Crayer, Bote, or other vessell, contrary to the fourme aforesayd: The one halfe of euery summe so forfaited, to be to the kyng our souereigne Lord, his heires and successors, and the other halfe, to be to hym that wyll sue for thesame, in any Court of Record in this realme, in whych accion or suite no essoyne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe admitted or allowed. And it is further enacted and ordayned by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that the Maior and Jurates of Rye, for the tyme beyng and Maior and Jurates of Wynchelsey for the tyme beynge, and euery of them, shall seuerally haue full power and aucthoritye to holde plee, and to heare and determine all and synguler actions, suites, and complaintes, in any wyse, concernynge any acte or offence done or committed, at any tyme hereafter contrary to the fourme of this present acte, and to make execution vpon euery iudge-

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ment geuen in any of thesayed accions, and suites, aswell vpon the sea as vpon the lande, as by their discrecion shalbe thought conuenient.

The.xxxi. Chapiter.

An acte for the citie of Chester touching the takyng of recognisaunces.

IN their moste hvmble wise shewe vnto your highnes, your true, faythful and obedient subiectes the Maior, Aldermen, Shirifes, and Commynaltie of your graces citie of Chester, that where before this tyme the Maiors of thesayd Citie of Chester, were appointed and authorised, to take and receiue before thesayd Maiors, Recognisaunces, accordyng to the Statutes Marchaũt, and of Acton Burnel, where vpon were deliuered vnto thesayd Maior, by the kynges Maiesties progenitours, that then were, a special seale concerning thesame: By force whereof the Maiors and other officers there appointed, tyme out of mynde, haue continually vsed, and practised to take Recognisaunces before them of Statutes Marchaunt, and Acton Burnel, and enrolled thesame, whiche euer hetherto was allowed, permitted and taken to bee good, and effectuall in the lawe, vntill nowe of late, that ambiguitie and doubt hath risen by the meanes of certaine sinister persones, more for the defrauding of right, equitie, and iustice, then vpon any good grounde or matter, for their priuate commoditie, because that in all pointes it doeth not fully folowe and agree, according to all the straight wordes of thesayd Statutes Marchaunt, and Acton Burnel, aswell to the great hurte and slaunder of thesayd Citie, as also to the decaye of the Marchauntes whiche haue and shal lende their liuinges, wares, and money, and great boldnes of the boldnes of the creditours and debtours, to detayne thesame in their handes, to the great decaye of thesayd Citie: wherfore for the inconuenience thereof, and also for the auoidyng of thesayd ambiguitie and doubt, it may please your highnes that it may be by your grace with the assent of the Lordes spirituali and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, ordained, established, and enacted by authoritie of thesame, that all and euery suche Recognisaunce of Statutes Marchaunt, and Acton Burnel, whiche after the first day of Maye nexte comming, shalbe taken, knowleged, enrolled, had and sealed, with thesayd seale, appointed to thesayed Citie of Chester before the Maior of thesame Citie, for the tyme beyng, in like maner as heretofore the predecessours, Maiors, and other officers in thesayed Citie haue accustomed to take and enrolle and seale, shalbe as good, effectuall and of force in the lawe to all

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ententes, constructions, and purposes, as if the takyng of suche Recognisaunce did fully agree, and accorde to all intentes and purposes, with the straight wordes of thesayd Statutes of Acton Burnel, and the statute Marchaunt. And that vpon all certificates of thesayd Maiors hereafter, like proces and execucion, to be awarded and directed out of the high courtes of Chauncery and Common place to all Shiriffes, Maiors, Bailiefes, or other officers in England and Wales, in as ample maner and fourme as is vsed els where within this realme for any Recognisaunce taken vpon any of the estatutes aforesayd, any law, statute, libertie, Fraunchise or vsage had or vsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

The. xxxii. Chapiter.

An acte for the continuaunce of certaine statutes.

Where in the Parliament begon, & holden at Westminster the xxvi. yere of the reigne of our late most dreade souereigne Lord kyng Henry the eyght, and there by diuers prorogacions continued vntill the xxiiii. day of Julie in the. xxxii. yere of the reigne of the sayed late kynge Henry the eight, ther was one acte made and established, for and concernyng the reformacion of mispleadyng, Jeofailes, and attorneys, whyche sayed act wyth the prouiso, were made to endure vntil the last day of the next Parliament. And where also at the Parliament holden at Westminster in the. xxv. yere of the reygne of our sayd late most dreade souereigne Lorde, one acte was made, that for none apparaunce in Juries to haue *De circumstantibus.* And in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the. xxvii. yeere of the reigne of oure sayed late most dreade souereigne Lorde kyng Henry the eight, thesayd actes and eyther of theim were continued vntill the ende of the nexte Parliament: Be it enacted and established by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, the the Lordes spiritual, and temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that the actes aforesayd, and either of them, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions, in them and eury of them conteined, shall continue & endure in their force and strength for euer.

The. xxxiii. Chapiter.

An acte that no man stealyng Horse or Horses shall enioy the benefite of his clergie.

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FOrasmuche as it is and hath been ambiguous, and doubtfull, vpon the wordes mencioned in one act of Parliament made the first yere of the reigne of oure souereigne Lorde the kyng, whether that any person beyng in due fourme of the lawes found gyltie, or otherwyse attainted, or cõuicted, for felonious stealing of one horse, geldyng, or mare, ought to be admitted, to haue and enioye the priuilege, and benefyte, of his Clergie, or Sanctuarye: Therfore it is declared and enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, and the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame Parliament, that all and synguler person, and persons, feloniously taking, or stelyng, any horse, geldyng or mare, shall not be admitted to haue or enioy the priuilege, or benefite of his or their Clergie or Sanctuary, but shalbe put from thesame, in lyke maner and fourme as though he or they had been indicted or appeled for felonious stealing of two horses, two geldinges, or two mares of any other, and there vpõ found giltie by verdict of .xii. men, or cõfessed thesame vpon their arainement, or stande wylfully or of malice muet.

The .xxxiii. Chapiter.

An act for the Shirief of Northumberland to be accomptable for his office as other Shiriefes be.

FOrasmuche as the Shirifes of the countie of Northumberland which haue been named now of long time passed, haue not accompted to the kynges maiestie of the issues, and profites of their Baylewycke, in the kinges hyghnes Exchequier, or els where, as other Shirifes of thesayed countie in olde time passed, haue done, nor as the Shirifes of other counties of thys Realme, do at this tyme, but do yerely receiue and take the hole profites therof to their owne vses, to the great detriment and losse of the kyng our souereigne Lorde, both of his bicoundels, and other fermes, aunswerable by the handes of thesayed Shirife, and of all other dettes, issues, fynes and amerciamentes wythin thesaied countie, and of all alienacions, and intrusions, wardes, mariages, reliues, and suche other: Wherefore, be it enacted by the kyng our souereigne lorde with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that from henceforth, all and euery suche person, and persons as shalbe hereafter named to be Shirife of thesaied countie of Northumberland, forthwith before he receiue his patẽt, and before he do exercise any part of thesaid office, shall put in sufficient suerties by himself, or by his sufficient deputie, or deputies, in to the kinges exchequer, there to entre in recognisaũce in such some and vpon suche condicions, as to the lorde treasorer & barons of thesayd Exchequer shal seme conuenient, in maner & fourme as

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all other shirifes of other counties of this realme do, vpon paine of euery such Shiryfe makinge defaulte to forfayte to the kinges maiestie an hundreth pounde to bee leuied of hys goodes, and cattales, landes and tenementes, wherfoeuer they may be found to the kinges highnes vse, And that the sayed Barons from tyme to time shall cause suche proceffe to be made for the kynge for the leuiyng of the sayed hundreth pounde, so to bee forfayted, to be directed to suche persone and persones, and in suche nature and sorte, as to them shall seme best for the kynge for the leuiynge therof, any thyng in thys acte, or in any other lawe, Statutes vse, prouision or custome, to the contrary notwythstandynge.

PROVIDED alwaye and be it enacted by the sayed auctoritie, that any suche Shyrife, beynge so bounden as is aboue sayed, shall not bee accomptable, but for hys owne tyme, and for the peare of hys Shyrifewycke onely, neyther shalbe charged, in or vpon hys accompte, by any proces, wyth any arrerages, or duties, due to the kynges maiestie by any hys predecessours in the sayed office of Shyrife, any thynge in thys act, or any lawe, or vsage, or prerogatiue to the contrarye not wythstandynge.

The.xxxb. Chapiter.

An acte for the confirmacion of the Subsedie of the Clergie.

WHere the Prelates and the Clergie of the Prouince of Cantorbury, haue louingly and lyberallye for certayne consideracyons geuen and graunted to the kynges maiestye a subsedye of.vi.s. of the pounde to be taken, and leuied, of all and synguler the Spyrituall promocions, wythin the same Prouince, durynge the terme of three yeres now next ensuinge, in such certayne maner and fourme, and wyth diuerse exceptions and prouisions specified and conteyned in a certayne instrument by them therof made and deliuered to the kynges highnes vnder the Seale of the Archebishoppe of Cantorburie, as in the same instrument exhibited in thys present Parliament more playnelye it doth appere: The Tenoure whereof ensueth in these wordes.

THE Prelates and Clergie of the prouynce of Cantorbury, vpon certaine great and necessari consideracions among them purposed and debated, callyng to remembraunce the most gracious and noble disposicion of the kynges maiestie their naturall and moste redoubted souereigne Lord, vnder whose happy & prudent regiment, they and al other hys highnes Subiectes, euer from the beginning of his most gracious reigne haue lyued in sauegarde, quietnes, and suretye of theyr bodyes and goodes, out of the daunger of mutacions, spoyles, depopulacions

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and destruccions of any forein enemyes, agaynst whose malyce for the suertie and defence both of them and all other his Subiectes, his maiestie hath not spared to employe inestimable somes of his owne treasure and possessions by sondry occasions, & namely by reasō of the great and long warres whiche his grace hath iustly and moste noblie maynteined, and in parte victoriously achiued, both by lande and Sea agaynst the Scottes, rebelles to his highnes, and enemies of his most noble reigne And consyderyng also that nexte vnto God they of thesaied Clergie bee most boundē to rendre to his maiestie their immortal and most humble thankes for many causes and benefytes, and chiefly for the speciall quietnes whiche they do presently enioye in the myddes of thesayed moste cruell and deadly Warres hauyng no let nor impediment to applie them selues to serue God and studie in suche wyse as to their vocacions and dueties appertayneth. And further considering that the maintenaunce, furnyture, expedicion and honorable perfourmaūce of thesaid Warres yet continuing, and other his graces weightie and noble affaires for the publique weale of his Realmes, and Subiectes, necessarylie requireth great and inestimable charges and expences: Thesayed Prelates and Clergie, therefore for a remembraunce & declaracion of their good wylles, thankefull myndes and bounden duties to his Highnes, with one voyce, and very hartie good wyll, do geue and graunt by these presentes to his Maiestie, towardes thesaied great charges and costes, one Subsedie in maner and fourme folowyng: That is to saye, that euery Archebishop, Bishop, Deane, Archedeacon, Prebendarye, Prouost, master of Colleges, masters of Hospitalles, Person, Vicar, and euery other persone and persones, of whatsoeuer name or degree he or they bee, enioyng any Spirituall promocion or other temporall possessions to thesame Spirituall promocion annexed, nowe not deuyded, nor seperat, by act of Parliament, or otherwyse, from the possession of the Clergie shal paie to the Kynges highnes for euery pound that he may yerely dispend by reason of thesaied Spiritual promoctō, the some of, vi. shyllynges. And for the true and certayne knowlege of the yerely values of thesaied promocions, and euery of them, whereof the payment shalbe made, the rate, taracion, and valuacion, and estimacion remaynyng of recorde in the Kinges maiesties Courte of the first fruytes and Tenthe for the payment of the perpetuall disme, concernynge all suche promocions, as bee in possessyon of the Clergie, or any other, not deuyded by act of Parliamenent, or otherwyse (as is aforesaied) shalbe folowed and obserued wythout any makyng, any valuacion, Rate, Taracion or estimacion other then in the sayed recorde is comprysed.

PROVIDED alwayes, that for asmuche as the tenth parte of the said valuacion, & tare before mēcioned, is yerely paied to the kinges highnes for the perpetuall disme, so as there remayneth onely nyne partes

tes to the incumbent clere, this Subsedie of.vi.s. the pound, shalbe vnderstande onely of thesame nyne partes, and of no moze.

PROVIDED alwayes, that no person that is already promoted, to any spirituall benefice within the first day of Octobze last past before the date hereof, oz that hereafter shalbe promoted to any spirituall benefice on this syde the first date of Octobze whiche shalbe in the pere of our Lozd God a thousand fyue hundereth fiftie and one, shalbe contributozie oz charged to the kinges highnes, with any parte of this Subsedie during the first pere of his sayed promocion.

THE sayd Pzelates and Clergie also do graunt, that this Subsedie of vi.s. of the pound of the yerely value of euery promocio taxed as afozesaied, shalbe paid to the kinges maiestie within thze peres next ensuyng the date hereof, that is to saie. ii.s. of euery pound in euery of the saied thze peres. The first paimet thereof to be due and made at the first day of Octobze next ensuing, whiche shalbe in the pere of our Lozd God a thousand fyue hundzeth.xlix. And the second paiment thereof to bee due and made on thesayed first daye of Octobze then next folowyng, whiche shalbe in the pere of our Lozde God a thousand fyue hundzeth and fyfty. And the third payment thereof to bee due and made in thesayed fyzste daye of Octobze then nexte folowyng, whiche shalbe in the pere of our Lozde God a thousand fyue hundzeth fyfty and one, and to bee delyuered and payed yerely by suche, as shalbe appoynted to haue the collection thereof, to the Treasozer of the kynges Courte of fyzste fruites and Tenthes, oz to any other persone, whome it shall please the kynges maiestie to appoynt foz the Receipte thereof, before the feast of the Natiuitie of our Lozde in euery of thesaid thze peres.

ITEM thesayed Pzelates and Clergie also do graunt, that euery Pzieste, and all other persones hauyng a pencion by reason of the dissolucion of any the late Monasteries, Colleges, free Chappelles, Chaunteries, Fraternities, Guyldes, and Hospitalles, oz any other corporacion within thesaid pzouince of Cantozbury, shall likewise paye to his highnes syxe shyllinges of euery pound of thesaied pencions, within thesaid thze peres, at suche date and tyme as is before specified: and that foz the sure paiment thereof, a deduccion, and retencion, of thesaied. vi.s. to be made in the handes of the payers of thesaid pencion after the propozcio of.ii.s. of the pounde, euery of thesaied thze peres, to be delyuered and paied vnto his maieslies vse at suche tyme and to suche persones, as the Subsedie of syxe shyllinges afozesaied shalbe paied vnto.

ITEM thesaied Pzelates and Clergie, do also graunt that euerye Pzieste receiuing Annuell stipend, beyng no perpetuite within thesayed pzouince, shal paie vnto his graces vse, vi. shyllinges. viii.d. in euery of thesame three peres, at thesame daies, and vnder thesame penalties, as the rest of the Clergie do paie foz their pzomocions.

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Item the same prelates and Clergy, further do graunt that euery Archebishop & bishop, and the sea beyng vacant, euery Deane and chapter of that sea voyde, shalbe Collectors of this subsedy within their proper Diocesse. And for the better recouery of the sayd collection, the sayd prelates & clergie, humbly beseche the kynges highnes, that they may haue full power and auctoritie by his Maiestie, and the high court of Parliament, to vse all suche wayes, meanes, and processes as be prescribed in the act of perpetual dismes for the collection and leuying of the same, and shall make accompt therof before the Chauncelor, or Treasorer, or other officers of his graces court of the first Fruites and Tenthe, or in suche other places, as it shal please his highnes to appoint, in suche wise and after suche forme onely, as the sayd Archebishoppes and bishoppes be nowe charged for the collection of the perpetual Disme, whereby is ment howe the lacke and default of payment, of and for any particuler promotion, shall onely charge the Incumbent, and suche as be bound to paye the same, and that vpon suche paynes as be prouided in the acte of perpetual disme against them that do make default in that behalfe.

Prouided alwayes, that euery Incumbent, makyng suche default of payment, after certificat of suche default, duely made & exhibited, in the kynges Maiesties court of first Fruites & Tenthe, shal forfait and lose only that his benefice or promotion, for whiche he maketh default, & for the same shal incurre no other forfaiture, losse, daũger, paine or penaltie, any other pain, clause, article, or cõdition in the said statute of perpetual Disme contayned, to the contrary notwithstãdyng. And that the Archebishop, Bishop, Deane and chapter, gatheryng that they can receiue, & makyng payment therof, shal for the rest not by thẽ receiued be discharged by theyr certificat to be made by the first day of January, in euery of the same three yeres, or within .xiiii. dayes after, into the court of first Fruites & Tenthe. And .vi.d. of euery pound wherewith the Collector shalbe charged in his accompt, clerely to be payed into the sayd receipt, or into suche other place, as it shall please the kynges Maiestie to appoint, shalbe allowed to the same Collector, for his sayd accompt for the same, for the charges and collection, portage, conueiyng and payyng of the sayd Subsedy.

Prouided alwayes that this Subsedy graunted by the Clergy shall not be demaunded, or leuied, out of any benefice, or College, situate or set within the vniuersities of Oxford and Cambryge, or of any benefice or other reuenues vnto any College of Oxford or Cambryge vnited, appropried or appertaining, or of the College of Eton nigh Windesor or of the College of Wynchester founded by Wyllyã Wykeham, sometyme bishop of Wynchester, or of any other churche, or benefice, or of any other reuenues to the sayd Colleges or to any of them annexed, appropried, or otherwise appertainyng.

Prouided alwayes that no spirituall promotion or any landes or re-

uenues annexed to thesame, beyng charged by this graunt or acte of the Prouince of Cãtorbury, or any goodes or cattalles, growyng, beyng or renuyng of thesame, and pertaimyng to the owners of thesayd spirituall promociõ, shalbe charged or made contributory to any fiftene, or other Subsedy, alredy graunted to the kynges highnes of the lay fee, or hereafter to be graunted, duryng the terme of thesayd thre yeres.

Item thesayd prelates and Clergy further graunt, that euery of his graces new erected Bishops, deanes, Prebẽdaries, Petitanons, & preachers, shalbe charged to this Subsedy for their owne porcions onely, therof to paye. vi.s of the pound within thesayd thre yeres as is aboue rehersed, of other bishoppes, and spirituall persones: and these porcions of rentes and reuennes whiche his highnes hath geuen vnto theim for the maintenaunce of poore men, Scholemasters, Vshers, Gramarians, Queristers, and other officers & ministers, not to be charged with any part of this Subsedy.

Prouided also, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall mã, paying any pencion, wherof none allowaunce is made in the valuacion of his sayd benefice, shal & may retaine. ii.s. of euery pound, of euery suche pencion, euery yere, duryng thesayd thre yeres to his owne relief, in consideracion that he is charged to pay his subsedy of. vi.s. of the poũd out of euery pound of the whole value of his promocion.

Prouided also that where certaine lãdes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, pencions, porcions, fruites, and other hereditamẽtes, lately belõgyng to diuers Cathedrall churches, or to other places ecclesiastical within thesayd prouince of Cantorbury, which were geuen & assigned to be bestowed & spent, to and on the findyng & maintenaunce of certain Chauntries, Annuersaries, obites, lightes, lampes, & other like thinges, intẽtes, and purposes, be now come into the hãdes and possession of the kynges Maiestie our souereigne lorde, by force of a statute thereof made in the first yere of his gracious reigne, as by thesaid estatute more plainly appereth, that thesaid Cathedral Churches, and the Deanes or presidẽtes & Chapiters of thesame, and al other places & persones, to whõ thesayd landes, rentes and other the premisses or any of theim did lately appertayne, shal not be charged to and with any contribucion, or payment of any subsedy, for that part, or porcion wher vnto the kynges Maiestie is entitled or possessed of but thesayd Subsedy shalbe vnderstande to be chargeable and due onely of all and singuler lãdes, tenementes, rentes, tythes, pencions, porcions, fruites and other hereditamentes, which, do still remaine not dissevered from the handes and possession of thesayd Cathedral Churches, and other the places and persones aforesaid: And that deduccion and allowaũce be made to them and euery of them in the payment of thesayd Subsedy, out of the whole value, taxacion and estimacion, made for the payment of thesayd perpetual Dysme, remaynyng of record in the kynges Maiesties court of first Fruites and Tenthe,

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for that rate, and porcion, whiche is come to the handes and possession of our sayd souereigne lorde by force of the statute premised,

Prouided also, that euery Parson and Vicar whose benefice is of the value of. vi. pound. xiii.s.iiii.d. or vnder, after the rate of the perpetual Tenthe, shall pay in euery of thesayd thre yeres only. vi.s. viii.d. as stypendaries do, and not otherwise.

Prouided also, that euery priest & all other persones hauyng a pencion by reason of the dissoluction of the late monasteries, Colleges, free chappels, Chauteries, Fraternities, Guyldes and hospitals, or any other incorporacions within the prouince of Cantorbury, or any of them and beyng of the summe of. xl.s. or vnder, and not aboue, shall not bee charged or chargeable to thesayd Subsedy, or any part thereof, for any suche pencion of. xl.s. or vnder, any thyng contayned in this graunt to the cõtrary notwithstandyng: As by thesayd instrument more at large it doeth appere.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsedy graũted by the sayd prelates and clergy of the prouince of Cantorbury, accordyng to the tenor, purport, effect, and true meanyng of this present instrument, Thesayd prelates and clergye most humbly desire and require your highnes, that this their sayd gifte, graunt, and Subsedy, and euery matter, somme of monye, clause, and sentence, in this instrument contayned concerning thesayd Subsedy, may be ratefied, established, and confirmed, by aucthoritie of your highnes court of Parliamẽt. And for the sure and true payment of thesayd Subsedy graunted by thesayd prelates and clergy of thesayd prouynce of Cantorbury, accordyng to the tenor, effect, and true meanyng of thesayd instrument: Be it enacted by the kynges highnes, with the assẽt of the lordes spiritual and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauthoritie of thesame, that thesayd gift and graunt and euery matter, summe of money, clause and sentence, in thesayd instrument contayned, be ratefied, established, and confirmed, by the aucthoritie aforesayd. And furthermore, be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that euery person that shalbe appointed to the collection and gathering of thesayd Subsedy, shal haue ful power and aucthoritie to leuy, take, and perceiue thesame Subsedy, by auethoritie of the sensures of the Churche, or by distresse, vpon the possession of the farmors, & owners of the lãdes and tenementes, chargeable by this act, for, or to the payment of any summe or summes of money, or otherwise by the discrecion of the Collectours thereof: And that no Repleuy, prohibicion, or Supersedeas shalbe allowed or obeyed for any person or persones makyng default of payment of thesayd subsedy contrary to the tenor of the graunt therof, vntill suche tyme, as they haue truely satisfied and contented all suche part & porcions, as to them in that behalf appertaineth. And that euery suche farmor and farmors, that shal fortune hereafter to be charged

get to and with the payment of thesayd subsedy, or any part therof, shal by the aucthoritie aforesayd be allowed, and retayne in his handes, asmuche of his yerely farme and rent, as the sūme whiche he shall fortune to pay for his lorde or lessours, shall extende and amount vnto, any writyng, couenaunt, band, or other thyng had or made to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng. And for the leuiyng of thesayd Subsedy of vi.s. of the poūd, and for the yerele pencions whiche any priest or other person or persones whiche heretofore haue been religious or taken for religious persones, do or shall receiue at the court of Augmentacions and reuenues, the Chauncelor of thesame court for the tyme beyng, shal yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres, that is to say, at the feast of saint Michael the Archaungel yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres, detayne and retayne in his handes, or cause to be detayned or retayned in the hādes of other the officers and ministers of thesame court, to the kynges vse, for euery poūd of thesame pencions.ii.s: and thesame shal wel & truly pay or cause to be payd into thesayd court of the Tenth & first fruites, or els where as the kynges highnes shall appoint, before the first day of January without any charge to be made or susteyned in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that euery other person and persones which pay or be chargeable to pay any yerely rent, pencion or pencions, to any Priest or other person or persones, whiche heretofore haue been religious, or takē for religious persones chargeable to the payment of thesayd Subsedy, that euery suche person or persones which do so pay, or hereafter shall pay any of thesayd yerely rentes, pencion or pencions, shall not onely duryng thesayd thre yeres, retaine in his handes yerely to the kynges vse, for euery pound of thesame yerely rentes, pencion or pencions.ii.s. And thesame well and truely pay or cause to be payed yerely, duryng thesame.iii.yeres, vnto the Ordinary of thesame dioces, or to the Collector of thesayd Subsedy there, to the kynges vse: But also shall yerely, duryng thesame thre yeres before the first day of December certifie vnder his or their seale or seales, vnto thesayd court of the Tenthe and first Fruites, or els where it shall please the kynges highnes to appoinct, the names and surnames of all and singuler suche priestes, or other persons, religious, or heretofore taken for religious persones, as is aforesaid, and the true yerely rentes or pencions, whiche they or any of thē be entitled to haue, or receiue yerely as is aforesayd. And that the Chauncelour for the tyme beyng of the kynges court of Augmencacions and reuenues of the kynges croune, shal likewise yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres, before the first day of Decēber, certifie vnder the seale of thesame court, not onely the names & surnames of al and singuler priestes and other persones chargeable for thesayd seueral rentes and yerely pencions to the payment of thesayd Subsedy in thesayd court of the Tenth and first fruites, or els where it shall please the kynges Maiestie to appoinct: But also, the true and

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iuſt yerely ſumme and ſũmes of theſame yerely rentes or pencions, with the names & ſurnames of the perſons chargeable to the paiment therof, And that the Archebiſhop and Biſhop of euery Dioces within theſayd prouince of Cantorbury, ſhall yerely during theſayd thre yeres, before the firſt day of January, or within xxiiii. dayes after at the furdeſt, certifie vnder his ſeale in theſayd court of Tenthe and firſt Fruites, or els where it ſhal pleaſe the kyng to appoint, the names and ſurnames of al and ſynguler Stipendary prieſtes being within any of their dioceſſes, chargeable to theſayd payment of theſayd Subſedy as is aforeſayd, & alſo the names and ſurnames of euery ſuche perſon and perſones with whom he or they did dwel, and take any ſtipende or wages.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayd, that euery ſuche perſon and perſones whiche within theſayd .iii. yeres ſhal geue and pay any ſtipende or wages to any ſuche prieſt as is aforeſayd, ſhall for the inſufficiency or default of euery of theſame prieſt or prieſtes beyng in ſeruice or wages with him, at theſayd firſt day of October, be charged and chargeable to and with the payment of .vi.s.viii.d. for theſame yere.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that theſayd Archebiſhop, Biſhops, & other perſons chargeable to & with the collection of ꝑſayd ſubſedy of .vi.s. the poũd, within theſaid prouynce of Cãterbury, ſhal haue vpõ euery payment therof made in the kynges court of the Tenthe and firſt Fruites, or els where the kynges Maieſtie ſhall appoinct, a ſufficient acquitaũce in writyng of ſuche perſon or perſones as the kynges Maieſtie ſhall appoinct for the receipte therof, theſame acquitaunce wytneſſyng theſame receipt of aſmuche of theſame ſummes of theſame Subſedy, as ſhalbe by any of theim ſo receiued. And euery ſuche acquitaunce in writyng, ſealed & ſubſcribed with the name or names of euery ſuche perſon or perſones that ſo by the kynges appoinctment ſhal receiue any of theſayd ſummes of money, ſhalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe and alſo a ſufficient diſcharge to all intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as if it were made by act of parliament. And that euery perſon and perſones whiche ſhall haue and receiue any ſuche acquitaunce ſhall pay but onely .ii.d. for euery of theſame acquitaunce.

Be it alſo enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd that all & euery graũt and grauntes, of al and euery ſumme & ſummes of money, whiche hereafter ſhalbe graunted to the kynges highnes by the Clergye of the prouynce of Yorke, ſhalbe of theſame ſtrength, force and effect in al thinges as theſayd graunt made by theſayd prouynce of Cantorbury, and ſhalbe tared, certified, collated, leuied and gathered, accordyng to the tenor, forme, and effect of this preſent act of Parliament, to all intentes, conſtructions and purpoſes, in ſuche maner, as though it were ſpecially, plainly, and perticulerly expreſſed, and reherſed in this acte by expreſſe wordes, termes, and ſentences, in their ſeuerall natures and kyndes.

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Prouided alway, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery laye person hauyng any spiritual promocion, chargeable by this act, and also hauyng temporal possessions, goodes cattalles and debtes chargeable to the Subsedy graunted by the temporaltie, shalbe charget, taxed, and set, for his sayd spiritual promocion, with the clergy, and for his temporal possessions, goodes and cattals, with the temporaltie, and not otherwise.

Prouided alwais, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that all suche as haue been religious persones, and other hauyng any pencion by reason of any dissoluciō of any late monastery, College, or Hospitals, or any other corporacions within the Prouynce of Cātorbury and Yorke or any of them, and beyng of the sūme of.xl.s. or vnder, and not aboue, shal not be charged or chargeable to thesayd Subsedy, or any part therof, for any suche pencion of.xl.s. or vnder, any thyng contained in this act, or in any of thesayd instruinētes, or any of them, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

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The xxxvi. Chapiter.

¶ An act of the Relief graunted to the kynges Maiestie by the Lordes and Commons,

Whylest we the kynges Maiesties faythfull louyng & obedient subiectes, the Lordes and Commõs assembled in this present Parliament do consider the present state of the worlde, what great troubles be in al places, what enemies both his maiestie and this his realme hath and is like to haue, and that their malice and hatered is bent, partly to diminisshe his graces Maiestie and the honor of this his realme, partly to spoyle the same of the iust, true, and auncient enheritaũce, right and title, that his highnes and his moste noble progenitours kynges of this realme of Englande haue alwayes had to the realme of Scotland, beyng a membre and a part of his kyngdome and dominion: and chiefly for that we of late hauyng abandoned the auctoritie of the bishop of Rome and his wicked doctrine, haue and do adhere to Christ and his moste holy worde, as becommeth all Christians to do, that meane to be no lesse in dede, then they profesſe in name: Whylest we also consider, that his grace and we his faythfull & obedient subiectes be but one body politique, his highnes the head and we the membres, and that no good or felicitie can come to ỹ one, but the other shalbe partaker thereof, and that no hurt or aduersitie can happen to the one wherewith the other shal not also be greued: Whylest also we consider the practises and policies of other Princes and potentates, what great preparations they make both of men and also of other furniture for the warres, and what great treasure they of late haue leuied and gathered of their subiectes: we perceiuyng that al the kynges Maiesties procedynges wholy tende to the aduauncement of the true glory of God, the maintenaunce of the Maiestie of the impe rial croune of this realme, and the defence and sauite of vs and this his realme, fully mynded to cleaue and sticke to God and his moste holy worde, vtterly determined to maintayne his graces honor and all suche rightes and titles as be annexed to his Imperial croune, prest and redy to defende our selfes and this his realme and our countrey: and finally content to leaue father, mother, brethren, sistren, wyues, children, landes, goodes, yea, and this mortal life also, rather then we would deny Christ & forsake his worde, whiche is the liuely food of mans soule, rather then we would suffre his royal Maiestie, to be in any part diminished, rather then we would consent that the Imperial croune of this realme should be depriued of any honor, title, right or interest there vnto belongyng, and finally rather then any forein power, should do vs or our countrey any hurt or iniury: haue thought it good to prepare and make, not only our persones redy for the warres, hauyng a full affiaunce and perfit cõfidence in God, that as he alwaies hath sent victory to such as professed

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him and put their hole truſt in him: albeit they wer but very fewe & that very feble in mans ſight, in reſpect of the multitude and power of their enemies: ſo he now wil haue ſpecial regarde and eye to this litle realme, & vs his poore ſeruaūtes and litle flocke, taking to his charge and defence our litle ſhephard, tyl yeres and ſtrength make him better able to bicker with his enemies, and that therfore he with vs and for vs wyl deuiſe to withſtand reſiſt, and ſubdue the force and puiſaunce of our ſtoute foes, nomore ours then his, at the leaſt ours, for his cauſe: but alſo to make among vs a maſſe of money, to relief and maintain the great and ineſtimable charges that our moſt gracious ſoueraine lorde hath and daily doth ſuſteine, a thing much vnable to ſerue any pece of his preſent neceſſities, if his grace did meane to ſpare any part of his owne treaſure, beſeching his grace, not to caſt his eyes, vpon the ſmalnes of this our ſimple preſent, but to late by it our good wylles, which we make the chiefeſt part of our relief, it faithfully promiſyng, al the reſt to be redy, when peryl or enemy ſhal declare this not to ſuffice: Firſt we his graces ſaid ſubiectes do by the auctorite of this preſent parliamēt freely & franckelie geue and graunt vnto his moſt royal maieſtie a relief, to cōtinue by the ſpace of .iii. yeres, to be rated, taxed, leuied and gathered of euery perſon of what eſtate or degree he be, accordyng to the tenour of this acte, after the rate and in maner and fourme followyng, that is to ſay, aſwel of all and euery perſon as is or hereafter ſhalbe his graces natural ſubiectes, as of all and euery fraternitie, guylde, corporacion, miſtery, brotherhed, companie and cominaltie corporat or not corporat wythin this Realme of England, Wales, and other the kinges dominions, beyng worth ten poūdes of money, coine, plate, ſtocke of marchandiſe, corne, grame, ſhepe beaſtes, cattals, or other goodes mouable, aſwel within this realme as without, and of al ſuch ſommes of money as to him or them is or ſhalbe owyng, wherof he or thei truſt in their conſciences ſurely to be paied: perely twelue pence of euery pound. And of euery Alyen or ſtraunger borne out of the kynges obeyſaunce aſwel denizen as not denizen inhabityng or reſiaunt wythin this realme or any other the kynges dominions being worth ten poundes in money, corne, plate, ſtocke of marchandiſe, corne, graine, ſhepe, beaſtes, cattals, or other goodes mouable, aſwel within this realme as without, and of al ſuche ſommes of money as to him is or ſhalbe owyng, wherof he truſteth in his conſcience to be ſurely paied: perely, ii.s of euery pound. And of euery alien or ſtraunger borne out of the kynges obeyſaunce aſwel denizen as not denizen inhabityng or reſpaunt within this realme, or any other the kinges dominions, beyng worth twenty ſhyllinges, and vnder ten poundes in money, corne, plate ſtocke of marchaundiſe, corne, grayne, ſhepe, beaſtes, cattall, or other goodes mouable, aſwell within this Realme as without, and of all ſuch ſommes of money as to him, is or ſhalbe owing, wherof he truſteth in his conſcience to be ſurely paied, perely .xii. pence of euery pound. Except and out of the premiſſes deducted, ſuch ſōmes of money as any perſon

son or persons before chargeable owe, and in his or their cōscience truly mynde to paye. And excepted also the apparel of such persons their wifes and children belongyng to theyr owne bodies, sauing iewels, golde siluer, stone and perle. Excepted also alwaies from the charge, assessmēt and paiment of thesaid reliefs, al money, goodes and cattals, of orphanes bequethed or left vnto the by their parentes, or other their frendes deceassed. And that al plate, coyne, Jewels, goodes, debtes, and cattals, personals, being in the rule and custody of any person or persons to the vse of any corporacion, fraternitie guild, mistery, brotherhod, company or any cominalte being corporat, or not corporat, be & shalbe rated, set and charged by reason of this acte, at the value certified by the presentoures of the certificat to be sworne, of euery pound in goodes, and debtes as is abouesayed. And the sommes that are before rehersed, set and taxed, to be leuied and taken of them that shal haue such goodes in custody, as is before rehersed. And thesame person or persones, and body corporat by the aucthoritie of this act, shalbe discharged against him or them, that shal or ought to haue thesame at the tyme of the paiment or deliuerye therof, or at hys otherwyse departure from the custodie or possession of thesame. Excepte and alwayes forprised from the charge and assessement of this relief, all goodes, cattals, Jewels, and ornamentes of churches and chapelles, ordeyned, and vsed in churches or chappels, for deuine seruice therin to be celebrated. ALSO we the kinges maiesties subiectes do geue, & graunt to his hyghnes, eight pence to be payed yerely, during thesayd.iii, yeres, by euery other person not borne vnder the kynges obeysaunce, being denizen or not denizen, other then women couert, souldiers and suche persones as be vnder the age of.xii. yeres dwelling or resyaunt within this realme or any other the kinges dominions. And thesayd reliefes shalbe by the aucthoritie aforesayed, taxed, assessed, and rated, during thesaid iii. yeres in euery shiere: riding lath, wapentake, rape, citie, borough, toune, and euery other place, with in this Realme of Englande and Wales, and other the kynges dominions, in fourme folowing, that is to saye: the fyrst yere before the.xx. day of Marche: and the other two yeres before the.xx. day of January. The fyrst paiment of thesaid relief, to be had, made and paied, at the receipt of the kynges exchequer before the vi. day of May next comming. And the second to be made and payed, at thesayd receipt, before the.xx, day of April, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God after the cōputacion of the church England. M.ccccc.l. And the thyrd paiment to be had and made at thesaid receipt, before the xx. day of April, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord, M.ccccc.li. And the sommes abouesayd: of and for thesayd relief, shalbe taxed, set, asked, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied, and payd, vnto the vse of oure sayed soueraygne Lorde, his heyres and Successours, in fourme abouesayed, aswell wythin liberties, Franchesyes, Santuaries, auncient demeysne, and other whatsoeuer place exempt, or not exempt, as without. Except suche sheres, pla-

tes, and persones, as shalbee forepersed, in and by this present acte: any graunt, charter, prescripcion, vse or libertie, by reason of any letters patentes or other priuilege, prescripcion, alowaunce of thesame or what soeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graũted, vsed, or obteigned notwithstanding. And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that euery suche persone, aswell suche as be borne vnder the kynges obeysaunce, as euery other persone straungier borne, denizen or not denizen, inhabiting within this realme, or within Wales, or other the kynges dominions, whiche at the tyme of thesaied assessyng or taxacion percly to be had or made, shalbe out of this realme, and out of Wales and haue goodes or cattals, within this realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged and chargeable for thesame, by the certificat of the inhabitantes of the parties, where such goodes, cattals, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses than shalbe, or in suche other place where such person or his factor, deputie or attorney, shal haue his moste resorte vnto within thys realme, or in Wales, in lyke maner as yf thesame persone were or had been at that time of thesame assessing within this realme. And that euery person, abydyng or dwelling within this realme, or wythout thys realme, shalbe charged, and chargeable to thesame relief, graũted by this act, accordyng and after the rate, of the value of his substaunce, goodes and cattals, and other premisses, as suche person so to be charged, shalbe set at in the tyme of thesayed assessyng, or taxacion vpon hym to be made, and in none other wyse.

AND further, we the kynges subiectes, do geue and graunt frely to his highnes, one other relief to be payed, perely durying .iii. peres, at the receipt of the kinges exchequer, after the rate and in maner, and fourme folowyng, that is to saie, of euery Ewe, kept for the most part of the pere in seuerall, saltе or fresshe marshes, or in seuerall pasture, that is to saye: groundes not Common, nor commonlie vsed to be tylled .iii. pence. Of euery wether, and other shere shepe kept in pasture or marshes, as is aforesayd, two pence. And of euery shere shepe kept on commons or on seuerall groundes, commonly vsed to bee tylled three halfe pence. To bee payed perely, during thesayd three peres, by the owner, or owners of the same shepe, and not by any person that hath thesame shepe in farme, or by leasse, paying a rent or any other profite for thesame, or whiche is or shalbe bounde by any maner of couenaunt or suertie to restore thesame, or as many shepe or the value thereof at any tyme.

Prouided alwayes and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed that euery person not hauyng aboue the nombre of ten shere shepe, shal paye perely durying thesayd .iii. pere, one halfpeny, for the polle or suertie suche shere shepe, and that euery person hauyng aboue ten shere shepe, and not aboue .xx. shall paye for euery of theim but one peny, durying euery of thesayd .iii. peres, any thyng before in this graunte of the relief of shepe, conteyned to the contrarie in anywyse notwythstandyng. The first paymente of thesayd Relief of shepe, to be made before the furste date

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of Nouember nert commyng the second before the first date of Nouember whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde God. M.cccc.l. And the third before the first date of Nouember, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde God. M.cccc.li.

Prouided alwaies and be it ordeined and enacted by the auctholite aforesaid, that if the value of the shepe, cattal, & other mouable goodes, of hym or her, that hath shepe chargeable to the payment of the sayd Relief, being rated and gathered into one whole and entire summe and value, shalbe found greater, and more for the aduauncemẽt of this relief, than the payment that ought to be made by the polle of the sayed shepe, as is before declared, that then the owner of the sayed shepe, shall not be chargeable with the payment, after the rate of the polle. And yf it shall appeare that the paument after the rate of the polle shal excede in value, and be more beneficial to the kyng, thẽ the money rated of the whole substaunce of any persone: That then suche persone hauyng shepe shalbee charged to pate after the rate of the polle, and not after the value of hys entire substaũce: The Relief paied the yere before of his entire substaũce to be taken, and accompted as parcell of the summe that shalbe due and payable in the whole at the peres ende vpon the accompte made for the polle of hys shepe.

ALSO we the kynges saied subiectes by the auctholitie aforesaied, do geue and graunt vnto the kynges Maiestie, one other Relief, that is to saie, .viii. pence of the pounde, of the price and value of all and synguler Woollen clothes, Carseyes, Fryses, Cottons, Kendales, and all other kinde of wollen clothes, of what sorte or making soeuer thei be, that frõ the feaste of the Natiuitie of saincte Jhon Baptist next cõmyng, duryng three yeres then next folowyng shalbe made by any persone to be put to sale, the same Relief to be leuied and gathered yerely duryng the said .iii. yeres, of the maker of the saied clothe, in such maner and forme as hereafter in this act shalbe declared.

Prouided alwaies, and be it ordeined and enacted by the auctholite aforesayed, that yf it shall appere that the rate of .viii. d. of the pound of the price and value of the clothe, by suche Clothier made as is aforesayed, shall extede the rate of .xii. pence of the pounde, of hys goodes and cattals, that then euery suche Clothier, shall paie onely after the rate of viii. d. of the pound of the clothes, and not after the value of his goodes and cattals, the Relief payed the first yere of his entier substaunce to be taken and accompted as parcell of the summe that shalbe due and payable in the whole at the first peres ende vpon accompt, for the clothes by hym made as is aforesayed. The second Relief, payed of hys entier substaunce, to be taken and accompted as parcell of the summe that shalbe due and patable in the whole at the second peres ende vpon accompt for the clothes by hym made, as is aforesaied. And the third Relief paied of his entier substaunce to be taken and accompted as parcel of the summe

that shalbe due and payable in the whole at the thirde yeres ende vpon accompt for the clothes by hym made, as is aforesayd.

Prouided also, and be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaied, that if any person to thintent to defraude the kynges maiestie of the Reliefes graunted by this acte, or any part thereof do colour and take vpon hym, by the assent or consent of the true owner thereof to bee owner, or proprietary of any goodes, shepe, clothes, or other thynges chargeable to the payment of thesayd Relief, and in dede shalbe found, tried or proued, not to be iust and right owner thereof, vpon any information therof to be made in the kinges court of Exchequier within .ii. yeres nexte after suche offence, that not only suche goodes, shepe, clothes, and other thynges, or the value thereof shalbe forfaited to the king, but also the partie so falsely colourynge thesame, or pretendyng to be owner, or proprietary of thesame, shal forfaite and lese to the kyng, the double value therof, to be leuied of his goodes and catalls, landes, and tenementes to the kynges vse.

AND to the entent that the kinges maiestie may be iustly & truely satisfied of thesayd Relief, of the value and substaunce of euery mannes goodes, and other summes, to be payed by straungiers, denizens or not denizens, by vs to his highnes geuen in maner & fourme aboue expressed, and in no part therof to be defrauded, as our intet and hope is his grace shal not be: Be it ordeined and enacted by thauctoritie afforesaied, that the lorde Chauncelor of England, the lord Threasuror of England, the lorde President of the kynges moste honorable counsail, the lorde Priue seale, and the lorde great Chamberlaine of England, for the time being, or two of them at the least, whereof the lorde Chancelor or the lord Threasuror, to be one of them shal and may name & appoinct of and for euery shyre, rydyng and other places, aswell within this realme, as in Wales, and other the kynges dominions, as also for euery Citie and towne, beyng a countie of it selfe, and of and for the Isle of Wyght, suche certain number of persons of euery of thesame shires, kynges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes, and the Isle of Weight, & euery other place and other the inhabitauntes of thesame, to be Commissioners within the same, whereof thei be inhabitauntes, and also of and for the honourable housholdes of the kyng our souereigne lorde, the Lady Mary, and the lady Elizabeth graces, the kynges Maiesties systers, certain head officers of thesame, to be Commissioners of thesame housholdes, in what shyres or other places, thesaied housholdes shal happen then to be: and the lord Chancelor or lord Threasuror, and other with him before named, in like maner maie name and appoinct of euery other such borough and towne corporate, aswell in England, as in Wales, and other the kinges dominions, as thei shall thynke requisite. vi. v. iiii. iii. ii. of the head officers, and other sad and honest inhabitauntes of euery of thesaied Cities, Boroughes and townes corporate, accordyng to the nomber and multitude

titude of people beyng in thesame: the whyche persones if any suche bee thereunto named of thesaid inhabitauntes of thesayd Boroughes and tounes corporate, not beyng counties in themselfes, shalbe ioyned and put as Commissioners with the persones, named for suche shires and ridynges, as thesayd Boroughes and tounes corporate not beyng Counties in themselfes be set, and haue their beyng: whiche persons so named for and of thesayd Boroughes and tounes corporate, not beyng Counties, by reason of their dwellyng in thesame, shal not take vpon them ne none of them, to put any part of their cõmission in execution for the premisses, out of thesayed Borough or toune corporate, wherin they beyng so named only for thesame, be dwellyng, and also not to execute thesayd cõmission, within the borough or toune corporate, where thei be so dwellyng but ioyntly with .iii. at the least of the other Commissioners within the shire or ridyng, and in that commission wherin thei bee so dwellyng at suche daies and times, as thesayed other Commissioners for thesame, shire and ridyng, shal therunto limitte and appoinct within thesame borough or toune corporate, not beyng countie corporat, wherof thei so be, and not out of suche borough or toune, and in that maner to be aydyng and assistyng, with thesaid other commissioners, in and for the good executyng of the effect of thesayd cõmission, vpon pain of euery of thesaied Commissioners, so named for euery suche citie, borough and toune corporate not beyng a countie, to make suche fine as thesayd other commissioners in the commission, of and for thesayd shire or riding so named, or thre of them at the least, shal by their discrections set and certifie into the kynges Exchequier, there to be leuied to the vse of our souerayne lord the kyng, in like maner as such or like sũmes had been set & rated vpon suche person for thesayd Relief: The whiche Commissioners so named, of and for thesayed cities, boroughes & tounes, not beyng counties, and only put in thesaid commission by reason of their dwellyng in thesame, shall not haue any parte of the porcion of the fees and rewardes for the commissioners, and their clerkes in this act afterward specified. And the Chauncelor of England, or keper of the kynges great seale for the tyme beyng, shall make and directe out of the court of Chauncery, vnder the kynges great seale, seueral commissions, that is to say, to euery shire, ridyng, lathe, wapentake, rape, citie, toune, borough, Isle and housholde, vnto suche persone and persones, as by hys discrecion and other wyth him before appoincted and named, in like maner and forme as is afore rehersed, shalbee thought sufficient for the sessyng and leuyng of thesaied Relief in all Shyres and places, accordyng vnto the true meanyng of thys acte: whiche commission shalbee directed and deliuered to thesayed commissioners, or to one of them perely, duryng thesayd three peres, in maner and fourme folowyng, that is to saie: the first pere before the tenth day of Marche nert commyng, and the other twoo peres, perely before the first day of January: and to euery of thesaid commissi-

ons.x.Cedules, cõteinyng in them the tenour of this act, shalbe affiled, the whyche Commission the Commissioners in euery suche Commission named, according vnto this act, or as many of them as shalbe appoincted by the Kynges Commission, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to put the effect of thesaine commission in execucion. And that by aucthoritie of this act, after such commission to them directed yerely during the sayd.iii.yeres, thei maie by their assentes & agrementes, seuer themselfes for the execucion of their cõmission, in hundredes, lathes, wardes, rapes, wapentakes, tounes, parishes, & other places, within the limittes of their sayd cõmission, in suche fourme as to them shall seme expedient to be ordred, and betwene them to bee commoned and agreed, accordyng to the tenour and effect of the commission to them therin directed, vpon whiche seueraunce, euery person of thys present Parliament that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned in the hundreth where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwaies, that no person be or shalbe compelled to be any commissioner, to and for the execucion of this present act, but only in the shire where he dwelleth and inhabiteth: and that any person being assigned to the contrary therof, in any wise shal not be cõpelled to put in execucion the effect of this act, or any part thereof. And it is also enacted by thauethoritie of this present Parliamẽt, that the commissioners, & euery of them whiche shalbe named, limitted, and appoincted accordyng vnto this act to be Commissioners in euery suche shire, ridyng, lathe, wapentake, rape, Citie, Toune, borough, Isle, and thesayd housholders or any other place, and none other, shall truely, effectually and diligently for their part, execute the effect of this present acte, accordyng to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and none otherwise by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thyng to bee attempted and done by them, or any of them, to the cõtrary hereof: and thesaid commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appoincted by thesayd Commission, and none other, for the execucion of thesayd commission, and act, shall the fyrst yere of the paiment of this Relief of goodes, before the.xx daie of Marche, and the other two yeres, yerely before the.xvi day of January, by vertue of the Commissions, deliuered vnto them, in fourme abouesayd, direct their seueral or ioynct precept vnto.viii.vii.vi.v.iiii.or iii, or moo, as for the nombre of the inhabitaũtes shalbe requisite, or the moste substancial, discrete and honest persones inhabitauntes, to be named by thesayd Commissioners, or by as many of theim as shalbee appoincted by thesayed Commission, of and in Hundredes, lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, wardes, parishes, tounes, and other places, aswell wythin liberties, fraunchises auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaries, as without, within the limites of the shires, ridynges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, tounes, boroughes, or Isle aforesayed, and other places within the limittes of their commission, & to the Constables, subconstables, bayliffes, and other like officers or ministers, of euery of the-

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sayd hũdredes, tounes, wardes, lathes, wapentakes, parisshes, and other places beforesayed: as to thesayed commissioners, and euery nombre of them vnto thre or two of theim, by their discrecion in diuision, shall seme expedient, as by the maner and vse of that parties shalbee requisite, straitly by thesame precepte chargyng and commaundyng thesame inhabitauntes, Constables, and other officers aforesaid to whome suche precept shalbee so directed to appere in their proper persones before the sayd cõmissioners, or such nomber of thẽ as thei shal deuide themselfes, accordyng to the tenor of thesayd commission, at certain dates and places by thesayd commissioners, or any nomber of them as is abouesayd, within cities, Borroughes, or Tounes corporat, or without in any other place as is aforesayd, by their discrecions shalbe limited therunto, to do and accomplish al that to them on the part of our souereigne Lorde the kyng shalbee enioyned touchyng thys acte: commaundyng further by thesame precepte, that he to whose handes such precept shall come, shall shewe or deliuer thesame to the other inhabitauntes or officers named in thesame precept, and that none of them fayle to accomplishe thesame, vpon paine of .xl.s. to be forfaited to the kyng.

And it is further ordeined by thesaid auctoritie of this Parliamẽt. that thesayed date and place prefixed, and limited in thesayed preceptes, euery of the commissioners then beyng in the shere, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence, shall at thesayed day, and place prefixed for that parte whereunto he was limited, appere in his proper persone, and there thesame commissioners beyng present, or as many as shalbee appointed by the kynges commission, shal cal or cause to be called before them, thesayd inhabitaũtes and officers, to whõ thei haue directed their sayd preceptes, and which had in cõmaundement, there to appere by the said precept of thesayd cõmissioners. And if any person so warned, make default, onlesse he then be letted by sycknesse or lawful excuses, and that let then to be witnessed by the othes of two credible persones: Or if any so apperyng refuse to bee sworne in fourme folowyng, to forfayt to the kyng .xl.s. and so at euery tyme duryng thesayd three yeres prefixed for thesame cause, vnto suche time, the nomber of euery such persones, haue appered and certified in forme vnder wrytten: and euery of them so mãkyng default, or refusyng to bee sworne, to forfait to the kyng .xl.s. and vpon thesame apparaunce had, one of the moste substanciall inhabitantes or officer, so there beyng warned, and apperyng before thesaied commissioners, shalbe sworne percly duryng thesayd .iii. yeres, vpon a boke openly before the commissioners in fourme folowyng.

I shall truly enquire with my felowes, that shalbe charged wyth me, of the hũdred, wapentake, ward, toune, or other place, of the best & moste value of the substaunce of euery person, dwelling and abidyng within, the limites of the places that I and my fellowes shalbee charged wyth and of other whiche shall haue his or their moste resort vnto any of the saied places and chargeable with any some of money, by his act of this

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sayd relief, and of al other articles that I shalbe charged with touching thesayd act, and accordyng to the entent of thesame, and there vpon, as nere as it mate or shall come to my knowlege, not onely truly to present and certifie before you, the names, surnames, addicios, and the best and vttermost substaunce, and values of euery of them of there goodes, cattalles, dettes and other thinges, chargeable by thesayed acte, and howe many straungers, denizens or not denizens, beyng aboue the age of .xii. yeres, be resiaũt and dwellyng within the limites of my charge, of what value in goodes and other thynges, chargeable to the payment of thys relief they be, and whether thei be housholders or seruauntes, or otherwyse vnder the rule and gouerment of their parentes without any concelement, fauour, loue, affectiõ, dread, feare, or malice so helpe me God, and the holy contentes of this booke.

And euery other person that shal appere there perely by thesayd preceptes, shal make like oth, and vpon the oth so taken as is beforesayd, by the inhabitantes and officers of euery hundred, ward, wapentake, toune or other place, thesaid cõmissioners shal perely opẽly there read or cause to be read vnto them thesaid rates, and openly declare the effect of their charge vnto thẽ, in what maner and forme thei ought and should make there certificates, according to the rates and sommes therof abouesayd, and of al maner of persons, aswel of aliens and straungers, denizens, or not denizẽs, inhabited within this realme, as of such persõs as be borne within the kinges obeisaunce, chargeable to this act, and of the goodes and cattals of fraternities, guildes, corporacions, brotherhedes, misteries, companies, and communalties and other, as is abouesayed: and of persones beyng in the parties of beyond the sea, hauyng goodes or cattals within this realme as is beforsaid: & of al goodes being in custody to the vse of any other, as is abouesayd: by the whiche information and shewyng, thesayd persons shal haue such plain knowlege of the true entent of this presẽt act, and of the manour of there certificat, that thesame persons shall haue no resonable cause to excuse thẽ by ignoraunce. And after suche othes, and the statute of thesayd relief, and the maner of thesayd certificat, to be made in wrytyng conteynyng the names, surnames and addicions of euery persone, and whether he bee borne wythout the kynges obeisaũce or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, of the value of goodes, and cattals, dettes, and euery thyng to their sayed certificat, requisite and necessarie to them declared: thesayed cõmissioners there beyng, shal by their discrecions appoinct & limit vnto thesaid persons, an other day and place to appere before thesaid commissioners, & chargyng thesayd persons, that thei in the meane time shal make diligẽt enquiry by alwaies and meanes of the premisses, and thẽ and ther euery of thẽ, vpon pain of forfaiture of .xx.s. to the king, to appere at thesayd new prefixed day and place, ther to certifie vnto thesaied cõmissioners in writyng, accordyng to their sayed charge, accordyng to the true entent of thesaied graunt of relief, and as to thẽ in maner aforesayd

ſaid hath ben declared and ſhewed by the cõmiſſioners, at which dat and place ſo to them prefixed if any of the ſaid perſons make default, or appere, and refuſe to make the ſaid certificat: that then euery of thẽ ſo offendyng to forfeit to the kyng xl.s. Except onely a reſonable excuſe for hys default by reaſon of ſyckneſ, or otherwyſe by the othes of twoo credible perſons there witneſſed be had: and of ſuch as appere redy to make certificat, as is aforeſayd, the ſayd commiſſioners there beyng ſhal take and receaue the ſame certificat and euery part therof, and the names values and ſubſtaũce of euery perſon ſo certified. And if the ſame cõmiſſioners ſe cauſe reaſonable, they ſhall examine the ſame preſentours thereof, and there vpon the ſaied commiſſioners at the ſaied dayes and place by there agrement among themſelfes ſhal yerely during the ſaid thre yeres openly there prefix a date at a certain place or places within the limites of ther commiſſion by their diſcrecion, for their further procedyng to the ſayed aſſeſſyng of the ſame relief, and there vpon at the ſayd day of the ſaid certificat (as is before ſaid) take, the ſame cõmiſſioners ſhal make their precept or preceptes to the conſtables, ſubconſtables, bailiffes, or other officers of ſuche Hundredes, Wapentakes, Townes, or other places aforeſayd as the ſame Commiſſioners ſhalbe of, comprehendyng and conteinyng in the ſame precept the names, ſurnames, and addicions of all perſones preſented before them in the ſayd certificates: of whom yf the ſayed commiſſioners or as many of them as ſhalbe thereunto appoynted by the kinges commiſſion ſhal then haue behement ſuſpect to be of more greater value or ſubſtaunce in goodes, cattals, or ſommes of money owyng to them, or other ſubſtaunce before ſayd, then vpon ſuch perſon or perſones ſhalbe certified, the ſame commiſſioners ſhall make there precept or preceptes directed to the conſtables, bailiffes, & other officers, to whome ſuche precept ſhalbe directed to warne ſuche perſons whoſe names ſhal be comprehended in the ſaid precept, at ther mãcions or to their perſone, that the ſame perſo is ſo named in ſuch preceptes & euery of them, ſhal perſonally appere before the ſaid commiſſioners at the ſame new prefixed date and place there to be ſworne and examined by alwaies & meanes by the ſayd commiſſioners of ther greateſt ſubſtaunce and beſt value, and of al and euery ſommes of money owing to them, and other whatſoeuer matter cõcerning the premiſſes or any of thẽ, according to this act. At which date and place ſo prefixed, the ſayd commiſſioners than ther being, or as many of thẽ as ſhalbe therunto appointed by the kynges commiſſion, ſhall cauſe to be called the ſaied perſons, whoſe names ſhalbe comprehended in the ſaied precept, as it is before ſayd for their examinacion. And if any of the perſones which ſhould be warned, as is before ſayed, to be examined, whiche at any tyme after the warnyng, and before the prefyxed date ſhalbe within ſuche place, wher he may haue knowlege of the ſayd appeaũce to be made, make default and appere not, onleſſe a reſonable cauſe or els a reſonable excuſe by the othes of two credible perſons before the

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sated Cõmissioners be truly alleged for his discharge, that then euery of them so makyng default, to be taxed and charged to the kyng with and at the double sũmes of the rate that he should or ought to haue been set at for and after the best value of his goodes & substaunce vpõ him certified, if he had appered by the discretion of the Cõmissioners there beyng And in like maner if any of them suspected, as is beforesayd, appere and refuse to be sworne in fourme folowyng: then euery suche offendor to be taxed & charged to the kyng with and at the double sũme of the rate that he should or ought to haue been set at for and after the best value of his substaunce vpõ him certified by thesaid persons that made the certificat as is beforesaid, by the discretions of the Cõmissioners there thã being and euery of the persons so there then apperyng: Whose names shalbe expressed in thesayed precept or preceptes, and in whome any behement suspect was or shalbe had in fourme aboutsated, shall trauail with thesame person so suspect by al suche waies and meanes they can: And further thesayed Commissioners, or as many of theim as shalbe hereunto appointed by thesayd commission, by their discretion shal openly swere thesame person, in this maner and fourme folowyng.

℣ I shal faithfully, truely, & plainly according to my knowlege, shewe vnto you the kinges cõmissioners, and to other by you assigned, the best and greatest value or aboue of all my goodes, & cattalls, and sũmes of money to me owyng, according to the graũt of this act of Relief & truly answere to that I shalbe examined of touchyng the premisses, without couyn or deceipt, so helpe me God, and the holy contentes of this boke.

And if any person that should appere be excused in forme aforesaid by witnes of credable persõs, thesame persons shalbe examined by their othes of his or their greatest & best value and substaũce so lackyng and excused, and the best of their certificat or knowlege, or of the other first certificat vpon him or them made, thesame person so lacking and excused of his apparaũce to be set and rated by thesayd commissioners or otherwyse to be set and rated in this case as shall seme best by the discretions of thesaid cõmissioners. And if it happe to be proued by witnes, his own confession or other lawfull waies or meanes, wythin one yere after any suche othe made, that thesame persone so taxed and sworne, was of any greater or better value in his goodes or other thynges aboue specifyed at the time of his said othe, then thesame person so sworne did declare vpon his othe: That then suche person so offendyng shall lose and forfaite to the kyng .iiii. times so muche in lawful money of Englãd, as thesame person so sworne was set and taxed at, to pay for thesayd Relief.

And if any person certified or rated by vertue of this act, be he Commissioner or other, to any maner of value, do finde himself greued with thesame presentment, sessyng or taxyng, & therupõ complaine to the Cõmissioners, before whom he shalbe rated, cessed or taxed, or before two of them, that then thesayd Cõmissioners, shall by all wayes & meanes exa-

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mune particulerly and distinctly the persone so complainaunt and other his neighbors, by their discrecion, of euery hys goodes, cattals & debtes aboue mencioned, and after due examinacion, and perfect knowlege therof had and perceiued, by thesayd Cõmissioners, which shal haue power by the auctoritie aforesaied: thesaid Commissioners or two of theim, to whom any suche complaint shalbe made, by their discrecions vpon the othe of the sayed person so complaynyng, may abate, dekalke, encrease, or enlarge thesame assesment, according as it shal appere to them iust vpõ thesaied examinacion, and thesame sũme so abated, dekalked, encreased, or enlarged by them, to be treated in forme as hereafter ensueth, so that he come before the extreates of thesayd assessyng be deliuered by thesaid Commissioners, into the kinges Exchequier. And if it be proued by witnes, his owne confession, or other lawful waies or meanes, within a yere after any suche oth made, that thesame person so tared and sworne, was of any greater or better value in goodes, or other thynges aboue specified, at the tyme of hys sayd othe, then thesame person so sworne, dyd declare vpon his saied othe, that then euery suche person so offending, shal lose and forfeite to the kynge foure tymes so muche in lawful money of England, as thesame person so sworne, was set at or tared to paye. And all persones, set, rated, and tared as is aforesayed, shalbe bound & charged by thesame, and the sũme or sũmes vpõ hym set, to be due towardes the paiment of this Relief, and to be leuied as hereafter shalbe specified

And it is also enacted by thesayd auctoritie, that euery person yerely duryng thesaied three yeres, as is aforesayed, shalbe rated, tared, and set, and the summe on hym set, to bee leuied at suche place, where he and his family at the tyme of thesame presentment to be made, shall kepe his house or dwellyng, or where he then shalbe moste conuersaunt abidyng or resiaunt, or shall haue his moste resort, and shalbe best knowen at the tyme of thesaid certificat to be made, and no where els And that no Cõmissioner for this relief of goodes, shalbe rated or tared for his goodes, but in the shire, citie, or other place, where he dwelleth and is commissioner. And if any persone chargeable to thys acte, at the tyme of thesayed assessing, happen to bee out of this Realme, and oute of Wales, or farre from the place where he shalbe knowen, then he to bee set where he was last abidyng in this realme or within Wales, and best knowen. And after the substaunce and value of euery persone, knowen by the examinacion, certificat, and other maner of wyse, as is aforesayd, thesayed Commissioners, or as many of theim as shalbe appointed by the kinges cõmission, shall after the rate aforesaied, set and tare euery persone, according to the rate of the substaunce, & value of hys goodes and cattalles: whereby the greatest and moste best summe, according to his most substaunce, by reason of this acte, ought or maie be set or tared.

Be it also ordeined by thesayed auctoritie, that no persone hauyng two mancions, or two places to resort vnto, or callyng himself household seruaunt

seruaunt or waityng seruaũt. to the kynges highnes, his graces sisters, or to any nobleman or woman, shalbe excused vpon hys saiyng, from the taxe of thesaied Relief in either of the places where he maie be set, onlesse he bring a certificat in writyng from the commissioners, where that he is so set in dede at one place. And if any happen to be set in twoo places, vpon certificat thereof made, the best and moste summe vpon hym so taxed, to be taken and abyde, and the other to be discharged, so that thesame certificat of his assessyng and paiment, be made therof in writyng, vnder the seales of the commissioners, or of as many of theim as shalbe appointed by the kynges commission: whiche certificat so made shalbe at all times a sufficient discharge for him, and the Collector of thesame, aswell against any Collector, that shall demaund thesame vpon him rated or taxed, as against the kyng and al other persones.

And if any person that ought to be set, by reason of hys remouyng or resortyng to twoo places, or by reason of hys saiyng, that he els where was taxed, or by reason of any preuilege, by hys dwellyng or abidyng in any place, not beyng forepriſed in thys acte, or any other wyse by hys couyn or crafte, happen to escape from the perely assessyng, and bee not set, and that proued by presentment, examinacion or informacion, before thesaied Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe by thesame commission appointed, or by the Barons of the kynges Exchequier, or .ii. Justices of the Peace of that countrey, where suche persone dwelleth: then euery suche persone, that by suche meanes or otherwyse, wilfully by couyn shall happen to escape from the assessyng of thesayed Reliefes, or of any of them, and not be rated, taxed, and set, shalbe charged, vpon the knowlege and proofe therof, with, and at the double value that he should or ought to haue been set at afore, accordyng to hys behauour: thesame double value to bee leuied, gathered and payed of hys goodes, and cattals, landes and tenementes, towardes thesayed Relief, and further to be punished, according to the discretions of the Barons, Justices, or commissioners, before whom he shalbe conuicted for his offence and deceipt in that behalfe.

And it is further ordeined and enacted by the authoritie aforesayed, that not onely euery assessour shalbe rated, taxed, and assessed perely, duryng thesayed three yeres, for the value of his goodes and cattalles, by the Commissioners, or the moste part of theim, by whom he is appointed to bee an Assessour, but also that euery Commissioner assygned and deputed, for the ordering, taxyng, ratyng, and leuyng of thys Relief, graunted to the kynges maiestie, of .xii.d. of the pounde, of the value of euery mannes goodes dwellyng wythin the precinct and limitte of hys commission, for his owne substaunce in goodes, shalbe sessed, taxed, valued and rated perely, duryng thesayed three yeres, by the examinacion, taxacion and sessyng of the rest of the Commissioners, named in thesame

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Commission, or the moste part of them, after suche value of his goodes and cattalles, as is mencioned in this acte. And that al persones of the estate of a Baron or Baronnesse, not beyng marryed, and euery estate aboue shalbe examined and charged, of the payment of this Reliefe of their goodes, before the Lorde Chauncelor, the Lorde Treasurer of England, & Lorde Priuey Seale for the tyme beyng, or other persones by the kynges auctoritie to be limitted: And they to be charged percly, duryng thesayd thre yeres, for their goodes and substaunce, accordyng to their examinacion aforesayd. And the summes vpō them set, with the names of the Collectours appointed, for the gatheryng and payng of the same, be extreated, deliuered, and certified at dayes and places aboue specified by thesayd Chauncelor, Treasaurer, or Lorde Priuy Seale, for the tyme beyng, or suche other persones, as shalbe appointed by the kynges highnes.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that after the Taxes and Assessementes, of thesayd summes, vpon and by thesayd examinacion and certificat, as is aforesayd made, thesayd Commissioners shall percly duryng thesayd thre yeres, within tenne dayes next after the taxacion and assesement, of payment of thesayd Reliefes, by writyng indented to be made of thesayd taxacion and assesement, vnder the Seales and signes manuelles of thesayd Commissioners, deliuer vnto sufficient and substanciall inhabitauntes, Constables, Subcōstables, Bailiffes, or other officers, toyntly of Hundredes, Townes, parishes, and other places aforesayd within their limittes, or to other sufficient persones, inhabitauntes of the same, onely by the discrecion of the same Commissioners, and as the place and parties shal require, aswel the particuler names and surnames, as the remembraunce of all summes of money taxed and set of and vpon euery person, aswell manne as woman chargeable to this act, houlholder, and al other inhabitauntes and dwellers, and all Fraternities, Guyldes, Corporacions, Misteries, Brotherhoddes, Compaynies and Cominalties, corporat or not corporat, within thesayd parishes, townes and places, cōtributory to this act of Reliefe. By auctoritie of whiche writyng, or estreat so deliuered the said officers or other persons so named, and deputed seuerally, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this act, immediatly after the delyuery of thesayd writyng or estreat, to demaunde, leuie, and gather of euery person and Fraternitie, Guylde, corporacion, Mystery, Brotherhod, Compaignie and Comminaltie, corporate or not corporate therein specified, the summe or summes in the same writyng or estreate comprysed. And for none payment therof to distraine the goodes and cattalles, of suche person, Fraternitie, Guylde, Corporacion, Mistery, Brotherhod, Compaignie and Cōminaltie, corporat or not corporate, and the distresse so taken, to kepe by the space of. viii. dayes, at the costes and charges of the owner thereof: And if thesayd owner do not

pay suche summe of money, as shalbe taxed by this acte, within thesame viii. daies, they thesayd distresse to be appraised, by .iiii. iii. or .ii. of the inhabitauntes, where suche distresses taken, & also to be solde by thesayd Constable and other Collector for the payment of thesayd money: and the ouerplus comming of the sale and kepyng therof (if any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of thesame distresse, whiche sayd officers and other persones so deputed to aske, take, gather, and leuie thesayd summes, shall answere and be charged for their porcion, onely to them assigned or limited, to be gathered, leuied, and compyled in thesayd writyng or estreate, to them as is aforesayd deliuered, vnto the vse of our soueraigne lord the kyng, his heires and successors, and thesayd somme in that writing or estreat comprised, to pay vnto the high collector or collectors of that place for the collection of thesame, in maner and fourme vnder written, to be named and deputed: and thesame inhabitantes and officers, so gatheryng thesame particuler summes, for their collection therof, shal retaigne for euery .xx. s. so by theim receiued and payed .ii. d. and that to be allowed at the payment of their collection, by them to be made by the high collector or collectors.

Prouided alwaies, and be it ordayned and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person not beyng the kynges subiecte naturally borne, denisen or not denisen, beyng aboue the age of .iii. yeres, and not worth .xx. s. in goodes, and be at the tyme of the payment of the Reliefes, of .viii. d. due by this act of euery suche person, or at any tyme duryng thesaid thre yeres, in seruice with any man or woman, or vnder the gouernaunce of his or her father or mother, that euery suche Maister or Maisters, father or mother, shalbe charged with the payment therof, for suche person in like maner and fourme, as he or she is or ought to be for the Reliefes due by them selues. And that it shalbe lefull for euery suche Maister and Maisters to defalke, abate, and retaigne of the wages of suche seruaunt, so muche as he or she had before payed for suche seruaunt towardes the payment of thesayd Reliefes.

And further be it enacted by thesayd auctoritie of this present Parliament, that thesaid commissioners, shal yerely during thesaid .iii. yeres name suche sufficient and hable persones, whiche then shall haue and possede lādes, or other hereditamentes in their owne right, of the yerely value of .x. pound, or goodes to the value of an .C. marke at the least, and thesame persones seuerally, by the discretions of thesame commissioners in shires, ridynges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, tounes corporate, & other whatsoeuer places, aswel within places priuileged as without not beyng forprised in this acte, to be high Collectors & haue the collection and receipt of thesayd summes, set and leuiable within the precinct, limittes and bondes, wher they shalbe so limitted to gather and receiue: to euery of the whiche Collectors so seuerally named thesayd commissioners, or .ii. of them at ȳ least, yerely during thesayd .iii. yeres within .xii.

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daies next after thesayd whole summe of thesayd Reliefes, shalbe set & rated by all the limittes of thesame their cõmissions, or in suche limittes as the high Collectors shalbe so severally assigned, shal vnder their seales & signes manuel, deliuer one estreat indented in Parchement, to euery of thesame high Collectours, comprysyng in it the names of all suche persones as were assigned to leuie thesayd particuler summes, and the summes of euery Hundred, Wapentake, toune or other place aforesayd with the names and surnames of the persones so chargeable, accordyng to the estreat so first therof made (as is beforesayd) and deliuered, and the Collector so to be assigned, shalbe charged to answere the whole summe, comprysed in thesayd estreate limitted to his collection, as is aforesayd.

Prouided alwais, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that thesayd Commissioners hauing auctoritie by this act to name thesayd high Collectors of thesayd Reliefes, yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres, shall immediatly vpon their nomination and election, take by auctoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces or Obligacions, without any fee or rewarde to be payed therfore, of euery person, so by them to be named to be high Collectour, to be bounden to the kyng in the double summe, of the summe of his collection, and to be indorced and made vpon suche condicion, that if thesayd Collectour, his heires or executors, do truely content and paye, to the vse of the kyng, his heires or executours, in his receipte of his Exchequier, before the daye appointed by this acte, so muche of thesayd summe of money, allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and paye the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after suche tyme, as he hath gathered and collected the same residue, that then thesayd recognisaũce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stand in his ful strength and vertue. Whiche recognisaunce or obligation so taken, thesayd Cõmissioners shal certifie and deliuer into the kynges Exchequier, with the certificat of thesayd taracion, and rate of thesayd Relief, at, and by the tyme to them prescribed, and appointed by this act, vpõ paine of forfaiture of .x. pound to the kyng for euery recognisaunce or obligation not certified. And that euery suche Collector so elected, named and chosen, vpon request to him made, shal knowlege and make thesayd recognisaunce or obligation, vpõ like paine and forfaiture of .x. poũd to the kyng for ỹ refusal therof: and euery suche Collector, so yerely deputed, hauyng thesayd estreate in Parchement, as is aforesayd, shal haue auctoritie by this acte, yerely duryng thesaid thre yeres, to appoinct daies & places, within the circuite of his collectiõ, for the payment of thesayd Relief to him to be made, & thereof to geue warnyng by Proclamacion or otherwise, to all thesayd Constables, or other persones or inhabitauntes, hauyng the charge of the particuler collection within the Hundredes, Parishes, Tounes, or other places by him or them limitted, to make payment for their sayd particuler collection of

euery ſſime, as to them ſhal appertaine. And if at theſayd day & place ſo limitted and prefixed by theſayd Collector, theſayd Conſtables, officers or other perſones or inhabitãtes (as is aforeſayd) for theſayd particuler collection appointed and aſſigned wythin ſuche hundred, citie, toune, or other place, do not pay vnto theſayd collectors, the ſume within their ſeuerall hundredes, tounes, pariſhes, and other places, due and cõprized in theſayd eſtreates therof to them deliuered by theſayd commiſſioners, as is beforeſayd, or ſo muche therof as they haue by any meane receiued (ii.d. of euery pound for theſayd particuler collection, as is beforeſayd, alwaies to be therof allowed, excepted & abated) that then it ſhalbe lawful to theſayd high Collectors, and euery of them, and to their aſſignes, to diſtrain euery of theſayed conſtables, officers, and other inhabitauntes for their ſayd ſeuerall and perticuler collection of theſayd ſummes, compriſed in theſayd eſtreate and writyng thereof, to them and euery of them, as is before expreſſed, deliuered, or foraſmuche of theſame ſumme as ſo then ſhal happen to be gathered and leuied, beyng behind and vnpayed, by the goodes and cattalles, of euery of them ſo beyng behynd: & the diſtreſſe ſo taken, to be kept, appriſed and ſolde, as is aforeſaid: and therof to take and leuy the ſumme ſo then beyng behynd and vnpaied, & the ouerplus comming of the ſale of theſayd diſtreſſe (if any be) to be reſtored and deliuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwayes, that no perſon inhabited in any Citie, Borough, or toune corporat, ſhalbe compelled to be an Aſſeſſour or collector, of, or for any part of theſayd relief, in any place or places, out of theſayd citie, Borough, or toune corporate where he dwelleth. And it is alſo by the ſayd authoritie enacted, that if any inhabitaunt or officer, or whatſoeuer perſon or perſones charged, to, and for the collection or receipt, of any part or portion of theſayd relief, in any of theſayd thre yeres, by any maner of meane, accordyng to this act, or any perſon or perſones for thé ſelfes, or as keper, deputie, factor or atturney, of, and for any other perſon or perſones, of any goodes and cattalles, and the owner therof at the tyme of theſayd aſſeſſyng to be made, beyng out of this realme, or in any other parties not knowen, or of, and for the goodes and cattalles of any other perſon or perſones, or of any corporaciõ, fraternitie, guyld, miſtery, company, or other whatſoeuer cõminaltie, beyng incorporate or not incorporate, and all perſones hauing in their rule, gouernaunce, or cuſtody, any goodes or cattalles, at the tyme of theſaid aſſeſſyng, or any of them to be made, or which for any cauſe, for, and by collection or for him ſelfe, or for any other, by reaſon that he hath the rule, gouernaunce or cuſtody of any goodes or cattalles, of any other perſõ or perſones, Fraternitie, Guyde, Corporacion, Cominaltie, Compainy, or Miſtery, or any ſuche other like, or as factor, deputie, or attornay, of or for any perſon, ſhalbe taxed, rated, valued, & ſet to any ſumme or ſummes, by reaſõ of this act: and after the taxacion or aſſeſſyng, vpon any ſuche perſon or

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perſons, as ſhalbe charged with the receipt of theſame happen to dye or depart from the place, where he was ſo tared and ſet, or his goodes and cattalles to be ſo eloyened or in ſuche prime and couert mãer kept, as theſayd perſon or perſones charged with theſame, by extreates or other writyng frõ theſayd Cõmiſſioners, cannot, ne may leuy theſame ſũme or ſũ nes, cõpriſed within their ſayd extreates by diſtreſſe, within ỹ limittes of their collection, as is aforeſayd, or cãnot ſel ſuch diſtreſſe or diſtreſſes as be taken for any of theſaid yerely paymẽtes, before the tyme limitted to the high Collector, for his payment to be made in the kynges receipt: then vpon relation therof made, with due examinacion by the othe or examinacion of ſuch perſon or perſones, as ſhalbe charged with, and for the receipt and collection of theſame, before theſaid cõmiſſioners, or one of them, or before the high Collector or Collectors, wher ſuche perſon or perſones or other, as is aforeſaid, their goodes and cattals were ſet and tared, and vpõ plain certificat therof made vnto the kynges Exchequer, by theſayd Commiſſioners, or any one of them, or vpon the othe of one of the high Collectors, in theſayd court of the exchequer, of the dwellyng place, names & ſummes of theſayd perſons, of whõ theſayd ſummes can not be leuied & had, as is aforeſayd, then aſwel the Cõſtables and other inhabitauntes, appoynted for the perticuler collection againſt the high Collectors, as the high Collector, vpõ his accompt and othe in theſayd Exchequer, to be diſcharged therof, and proceſſe to be made for the kyng out of theſayd Exchequer, by the diſcretions of the Barons of theſayd Exchequer, againſt ſuch perſõ, his heires or executors, ſo beyng behynd with his payment. And ouer that, theſame cõmiſſioners, to whõ any ſuch declaracio of the premiſſes, ſhalbe made in fourme aforeſaid frõ tyme to tyme, ſhal haue full power & auctho[r]itie, duryng theſayd ſuites, to direct their precept or preceptes, vnto theſayd perſon or perſones, charged with any ſũme, of, for or vpõ any ſuch perſon or perſones, or other as is aboue ſayd, or to any ſhiriffes, ſtewardes, bailieffes, or other whatſoeuer officer, miniſter, perſon or perſones, of ſuch place or places, where any ſuche perſon or perſones ſo owyng ſuche ſũme or ſũmes, ſhal haue lãdes and tenemẽtes, or other hereditamẽtes, or real poſſeſſions, goodes or cattals, whereby any ſuche perſon or perſones ſo indebted, his heires, executors, or aſſignes, or other hauing the cuſtody, gouernãce, or diſpoſicio of any goodes, cattals, lãdes, tenemẽtes, or other hereditamẽtes whiche ought or may by this acte lawfully be diſtrayned or taken for theſame, hath & ſhal haue goodes, catals, lãdes, tenemẽts, and other poſſeſſions, wherof ſuche ſũme or ſũmes, which by any ſuche perſon or perſons, may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limit of ſuche cõmiſſion, where ſuch perſon or perſones, was or were tared, or about in any place within this realme of Engla[n]d, Wales or other the kynges dominions, Marches or territories: by whiche precept aſwell ſuche perſon or perſones as ſhalbe charged to leuy ſuche money, as the officers of the place or places, where

suche distresse may be taken, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to distreine euery suche person indebted, charged or chargeable by this act, or his executors or administrators of his goodes & cattals, his factors, deputies, lessees, farmours & assignes, and all other persones, by whose handes or out of whose landes any suche person, should haue rent, fee, annuitie, or any other profite, or whiche at the tyme of the sayd assessyng, shall haue goodes or cattals, or any other thyng mouable, of any suche person or persones beyng indebted, or owyng suche summe. And the distresse so taken, to cause to be kept, appraised & solde in like maner and forme, as is aforesayd, for the distresse to be taken vpon persones, to be taxed to the said relief, & beyng sufficient to distreine, within the limittes of the Collectors inhabitantes, or other officers charged with, or for the same summes, so vpon them to be taxed. And if any suche distresse for none payment, happen to be taken out of the limit of the persones charged and assigned to leue the same, the persons so charged for the leuying of euery suche summe by distresse, shall perceiue and take of the same distresse, for the labor of euery person, goyng for the execucion therof, for euery mile that any suche person, so laboureth for the same ii.d. And euery farmor, tenaunt, factor, or other whatsoeuer person beyng distrained or otherwise charged for payment, of any such sume or sumes, or any other sume, by reason of this act, shalbe of such sume or sumes, of him or them so leuied and taken discharged and acquited, at his next day of payment of the same, or at the deliuery of suche goodes and cattals, as he that is so distrained, had in his custody or gouernaunce, against him or them that shalbe so taxed and set: any graunt or writyng obligatory or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrary made heretofore notwithstandyng. And if any suche person, that should be so destrained, haue no landes or tenementes sufficient, whereby he or his tenauntes, and farmors may be distrained, or hath eloyened, aliened, or hid his goodes & cattals, whereby he should or might be distrained, in suche maner that suche goodes and cattals shal not be knowē or found, so that the sume by him to be paied in the sayd fourme, shall ne can be conueniently leuied: then vpon relacion thereof vnto the Commissioners, where suche person or persones was taxed and set, by thothes of him or them, that shalbe charged with the leuie and paiment of that summe or summes, the same Commissioners shal make precept in suche maner as is aforesayd, for to attache, take, & arrest the body, of suche person or persones, that ought to paye the sayd summes, and by this acte shalbe charged, with and for the same sume or sumes, & them so taken safely to kepe in prison, within the shire or other place where any suche person or persons shalbe taken & attached there to remain without bayle or mainprise vntill he haue payed the sume or sumes, that suche persons for himselfe or for any other by this act shalbe chargeable, or ought to be charged withall, and also for the fees of euery suche arrest, to him or them that shall execute suche precept. ix.d.

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And that euery officer, vnto whom suche precept shalbe directed, do his true diligence to execute the same, vpon euery person so beyng indebted vpon paine to forfaite to our sayd souereigne lorde the kyng, for euery default in that behalf. xx. s. And that no keper of any gaole, frō his gaole suffer any suche person to go at large by letting to baile, or otherwise to depart out of his prison, before he haue payed his sayd debt, and the sayd xx. d. for the sayd arrest, vpō paine to forfait to our souereigne lord. xl. s. and the same gayler to pay vnto our sayd souereigne Lorde, the double value aswell of the rate, whiche the sayd person so imprisoned was taxed at, as of the sayd. xx. d. for the fees. And like processe and remedy in like fourme shalbe graū̄ted by the sayd Commissioners, at like information of euery person or persones, beyng charged with any summe of money for any other parson or persones, by reason of the sayd Reliefes, euery of the sayd. iii. peres, and not therof payed, but wylfully withdrawen, ne the same leuiable within the limit where suche person was therunto taxed. And if the summe or summes, beyng behynd vnpayed, by any person or persones, as is before sayd, be leuied and gathered by force of the sayd processe, to be made by the same cōmissioners, or if in default, or for lacke of payment therof, the person or persones so owyng the sayd summe or summes of money, by processe of the same Cōmissioners to be made (as is aforesayd) be committed to prison in fourme aboue sayd, that then the sayd Cōmissioners, whiche shall awarde suche processe, shal make certificat therof in the sayd Exchequer, of that shalbe done in the premisses, in the Terme next folowyng, after suche summe or summes of money so beyng behynd. shalbe leuied, and gathered, of suche person or persones and for none payment of the same committed to prison.

And if it happen any of the sayd Collectours, to be assigned, or any Maior, Shirif, Steward, Constables, headboroughes, housholder, bayliff, or any other officer or minister, or other whatsoeuer person or persōs to disobey the sayd Cōmissioners or any of thē, in the reasonable requeste to thē made, by the sayd Cōmissioners, for the perely execution of the said cōmission, during the sayd. iii. peres, or if any of the officers or other persones, do refuse that to them shall appertaine or belong to do, by reason of any precepte to him or thē to be directed, or any reasonable commaundement, instaunce or requeste touchyng the premisses, or other default in any apparaūce or collectiō do make, or if any persō being suspect or not to be indifferētly taxed, as is aforesayd, do refuse to be examined accordyng to the tenor of this act, before the sayd cōmissioners, or as many of thē as shalbe therunto assigned, as is aforesaid, or wil not appere before the same cōmissioners, vpō warnyng to him made, or els make resistaūce or reskous vpon any distresse, vpon him to be takē for any parcel of the said relief, or cōmit any misbehauor in any maner of wise cōtrary to this acte, or commit any wylfull omission, or other whatsoeuer wylfull none doyng or misdoyng, contrary to the tenor of this act or graunt: the same

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Commissioners, or two of them at the least, vpon probable knowlege of any suche misdemeanours, had by informacion or examinacion shal and may set vpon euery suche offendor, for euery suche offence in name of a fine by thesame offendor to be forfaited. xx s. or vnder, by the discrecion of thesame Commissioners. And further, thesayd Commissioners, and euery nomber of them, to two of them at the least shall haue aucthoritie by this present Parliament, to punishe euery suche offendour by imprisonment, there to remain and to be deliuered by their discrecion, as shal seme to them conuenient. Thesayd fynes (if any suche be) to be certified by thesayd Commissioners, that so assessed thesame into thesayd kynges Exchequer, there to be leuied and paied, by the collectors of that parties for thesaid reliefes, returned into ẏ said Exchequer, to be therwith charged with the payment of thesayd reliefes in suche maner, as if thesayd fines had been set & taxed vpon thesayd offendors, for thesayd Reliefes.

It is also enacted by thesayd aucthoritie of this present Parliament that euery of thesayd high Collectors, whiche shall accompte for any part of thesayd Reliefes in the kynges Exchequer, vpon their seuerall sayd accomptes to be yelden, shalbe allowed yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres, for euery pound limitted to his collection, wherof any suche Collectour shalbe charged and yelde accompt, sixe pence, as parcel of their sayd charge, that is to say, two pence of euery pound therof, for suche persones as then haue had the perticuler collection, in the tounes and other places (as is aforesayd) specified in his collection: and other two pence of euery pounde thereof, euerye of thesayd chiefe Collectours there accomptant, to receiue to their owne vse, for their labor and charge in, and about the premisses: and two pence of euery pound residue to be deliuered, allowed, and payed by thesayd Collectors, so beyng thereof allowed, to suche of the Commissioners, as shall take vpon theim the busynes and labour, for, and about the premisses: That is to say, euery Collectour to paye that Commissioner or Commissioners, whith had the orderyng and the writynges, of, and for thesayd Reliefes, where the sayd Collectour or Collectours had their collection, for expences of the sayd Commissioners, so takyng vpon them thesayd busynes, and labor of their clerkes, writyng thesayd preceptes and estreates for thesayd collections, thesame last. ii. d. of euery pound, to be deuided amongest thesayd Commissioners, hauyng regarde to the labour and busynes taken by theim and their sayd clerkes, in and aboute the premisses, for whiche part so to thesayd Commissioners attaignyng, thesayd Commissioners and euery of them ioynfly and seuerally, for his or their sayd part, may haue his remedy against thesayd Collectour or Collectours, whiche thereof been and might haue been allowed, by accion of debte, in whiche the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, neither proteccion or other essoyne shalbe allowed.

And that no person nowe beyng of the nomber of the compaigny

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of this preſent Parliament, nor any Commiſſioner ſhalbe named or aſ-
ſigned to be any collector, ſubcollector or preſentor of theſayd Reliefes
or of any part therof, nor no commiſſoner ſhalbe compelled, to make any
preſentment or certificat, other then the kynges Exchequeir, or for or
cõcerning theſayd reliefes, or any part therof in any of theſaid .iii. yeres
and in likewiſe that none other perſon, that ſhalbe named or aſſigned to
be Cõmiſſioner in any place, to and for therecutiõ of this act of reliefes
in any of theſayd .iii. yeres, be or ſhalbe aſſigned or named hed collector,
in any of theſayd thre yeres of theſaid reliefes, neither of any part ther-
of. And that euery ſuche perſon or perſones, whiche ſhalbe named and
appointed (as is aforeſayd) to be hed Collectors, in and for one of the
ſayd thre yeres, ſhall not be compelled to be collector, for the other and
laſt yere. And theſayd Collectors, whiehe ſhalbe aſſigned for the collec-
tion of theſayd reliefes, or for any part therof, and euery of them be and
ſhalbe acquited and diſcharged, of all maner fees, rewardes and of eue-
ry other charge in the kynges Exchequer or els where, of them or any of
them, by reaſon of that collection, payment or accomptes, or any thyng
concerning theſame to be aſked. And that if any perſon receiue and take
any fees, rewardes or pleaſures of any ſuche accomptant: that then he
ſhall forfaite to the kyng, for euery peny or value of peny ſo taken. xx. li.
and ſuſtre impriſonment at the kynges pleaſure.

And after the taxyng and aſſeſſyng of theſayd yerely reliefes (as is be-
foreſaid) had & made, and theſayd eitreates therof in Parcheiment, vnto
the Collectors (in maner & forme before reherſed) deliuered, theſayd cõ-
miſſioners which ſhall take vpon them the execucion of this act, within
the limittes of their Commiſſion, by their agrementes ſhal haue metyn-
ges together, at whiche metyng euery of theſayd commiſſioners, which
then ſhall haue taken vpon the therecution of any part of theſayd com-
miſſion, ſhall by himſelfe, or by his ſufficient deputie, truely certifie and
bryng furth vnto thother cõmiſſioners, named in theſayd cõmiſſion the
certificat & preſentment made before hym and ſuche other cõmiſſioners,
as were limited with him in one limit. ſo that theſame certificats may be
accompted and caſt with other certificats, of thother limittes within the
ſame commiſſion: and then theſayd cõmiſſioners, and euery nomber of
them vnto .ii. at the leaſt (as is aforeſaid) if they be in life, or their execu-
tors, or adminiſtrators of their goodes, if they be then dead, ſhal ioyntly
and ſeuerally as their wer deuided with their limittes, vnder their ſeales
yerely, during theſayd .iii. yeres, by their diſcreeion make one or ſeueral
writynges, indented, containyng in it alwell the names of theſayd Col-
lectors, by the Cõmiſſioners for ſuche collection, & accompt in therche-
quer, and paymẽt in theſaid receipt, deputed and aſſigned, as the groſſe
& ſeueral ſummes, written vnto euery ſuch Collector, to receiue theſayd
reliefes, & alſo all fines, amerciamentes & other forfaitures, if any ſuche
by reaſon of this acte, happẽ to be within the precinct and limit of their

commiſſion

cõmission, to be certified into the kynges Exchequer, by thesayd cõmissioners perely, durynge thesayd .iii. yeres, before the daies of paiment therof, at thesayd receipt limitted and appointed. In whiche writyng or writynges indented so to be certified, shalbe plainly declared and expressed aswel the whole and entier sũmes and sũmes of thesayd reliefes, seuerally limitted to the collection of thesayd Collectours, as the names of the sayd Collectours, seuerally deputed and assigned to ye collection of the sayd summes, so that none of thesayd Collectors, so certified in thesayd Exchequier, shalbe compelled there to accompt or to bee charged, but onely to, and for the summes limitted to his collection, and not, to, or for any summe limitted to the collection of his felowes, but that euery of theim shalbe seuerally charged for their partes, limitted to their collection. And if thesayd Commissioners, ioyned in one commission, amongest theimselues, in that matter cannot agree, or if any of theim be not ready, or refuse to make certificat, with other of thesame Comissioners: That then thesame Commissioners may make seuerall Indentures, in fourme aforesayd, of their seuerall limittes or seperations of Collectours, within the limittes of their commission, vpon, and in the Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or suche other like deuisions, within their sayd seueral limittes of their commission, as the places there shall require to be seuered and diuided, and as to thesame Commissioners shall seme to make deuisions, of their limittes or collections for the seuerall charges of thesame collectours, so that alway one Collectour shalbe charged and accompte for his parte, to hym to be limitted onely by himselfe, and not for any summe limitted to the part of any of his felowes. And the charge of euery of the Collectours, to be set and certified seuerally vpon theim, and euery suche Collectour, vpon his accompt and payment of the summes of money, limitted within his collection, to be seuerally by himselfe acquited and discharged in thesayd Exchequier, without paying any maner of fees or rewardes, to any person or persones for thesame, vpon the paine and penaltie last aboueiaid and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collectours. And if any Cõmissioner after he hath taken certificat of them that (as is aforesayd) shal before any suche Commissioner be examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bokes & writinges therof, beyng in his hãdes, or if any collector or other person, charged with any receipt of any payment of any of thesaid reliefes, or any other person, taxed or otherwise by this act charged, with and for any parcel of thesayd Reliefes, or with any other sũmes, for fine, amerciamẽt, penaltie, or other forfaiture, happen to dye before suche Commissioners, Collector, or other, whatsoeuer person or persones haue executed, accomplished, satisfied, or sufficiẽtly discharged it, whiche to euery suche person shall appertaine or belong to do according to this acte, then the executors and heires of euery suche person and all other seazed of any landes or tenementes, that any suche person beyng

beyng charged by this act and deceassyng before he be discharged thereof, or any other to his vse only had of estate of inheritaunce at the tyme that any suche person was named Commissioner, Collector, or in any otherwise charged with and for any maner of thyng to be done, satisfied or payed, by reason of this acte, and all those that haue in their possessions or handes any goodes or cattalles that were to any suche person at the tyme of his death, landes or tenementes that were thesame persones at the tyme that he was (as is aforesayd) charged by this acte, shalbe by thesame compelled and charged to do and accomplisshe in euery case as thesame person, so beyng charged, should haue done and might haue been compelled to do, if he had been liuyng, after suche rate of the landes and goodes of thesayd Commissioner or Collector, as the partie shall haue in his handes And if thesame Commissioners for causes reasonable them mouyng shall thynke it not conuenient, to ioyne in one certificat, as is beforesayd: then thesayd person or persones that shall first ioyne together, or he that shall first certify thesaid writyng indented, as is aforesayd, shal certifie all the names of the commissioners of that commission, where vpon suche writynges shalbe there then to bee certified with diuisions of the hundredes, wapentakes, wardes, tithynges, or other places to and among suche commissioners, of thesame commission with the names of thesame commissioners where suche seperacions and deuisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money aswel of and for the sayd Reliefes tared or set of or within thesayd hundredes, wardes, wapentakes or other places to him or them deuided or assigned that shall so certifie thesayd first writyng, as of fynes, amerciamentes, penalties, & other forfaitures, if any happen to be within thesame limittes, wherof thesame writynges shalbe certified.

And after suche writyng indented, whiche (as is aforesayd) shalbe certified, and not containe in it the whole and full summes set and tared within the limittes of thesame commission, the other Commissioners of thesame, euery of thesayd three yeres before the day of payment of the sayd Reliefes at the receipt limitted and appointed by this acte, shall certifie into thesayd Exchequier by their writyng or writynges indented to be made as is aforesayd, the grosse and seuerall summes set and tared within the places to them limitted for thesayd Reliefes and other fines, amerciamentes, penalties, and forfaitures, with the names of the hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned: or els by their sayd writynges indented to certifie at thesayd place before the day of payment therof at thesayd receipt, as is aforesaid, reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make suche certificat of and for thesayd Reliefes, with fines, amerciamentes, penalties, and other forfaitures growyng or set by reason of the causes of their lettes, or of their none certifiyng, as is aboue sayd, or els in default therof, proces to be made out of the kynges Exchequier against thesayd Commissioners

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and euery of theim, not makyng certificat, as it is afozesayd by the dis-
crecion of the Treasauroz and Barons of thesayd Exchequier.

Prouided alwais, that if any perſon oz perſones chargeable to this
Relief of payment foz his goodes, ſhall happen at any tyme durying the
sayd thze peres to be ſet oz preſented in two oz mo places then one, and
theſame beyng certified into the kynges court of Exchequier, that than
the partie oz parties ſo ſet oz preſented & certified takyng a cozpozal othe
befoze the Barons of the kynges exchequier, oz befoze any two of them,
oz befoze any perſon oz perſones beyng auctheozised by commiſſion to be
directed frō theſayd Barons oz any of them, whiche commiſſion oz com-
miſſions theſayd Barons oz .ii. of them ſhalbe auctheozised and haue ful
power & auctheozitie to make by this act, that he oz they is oz be theſame
ſelfe perſon oz perſones ſo ſet, and that he oz they is oz be ſet oz preſented
in two oz mo places then one. And that he oz they haue then been by the
ſpace of one yere next befoze the takyng of theſame othe moze conuer-
ſaunt and dwellyng in any one of theſame places where he oz they ſhall
ſo happen to be ſet oz preſented then in the other: that then the partie oz
parties ſo ſet oz preſented in two oz mo places then one, and ſo takyng
his othe without any other plee oz writyng, ſhalbe clerely diſcharged a-
gainſt the kyng, his heires and ſucceſſoꝛs of euery of theſayd aſſeſemen-
tes and preſentmentes, ſauyng onely of the aſſeſement and preſentment
in the place where he oz they was oz were moſte conuerſaunt & dwelling
as is afozeſayd.

And it is alſo enacted by the auctheozitie afozeſayd, that the Barons
of the kynges Exchequier oz two of theim foz the tyme beyng, ſhall not
onely haue ful power & auctheozitie to receiue and take the othe of ſuche
partie oz parties as ſhalbe ſo ſet oz preſented in any mo places then one,
but ſhall alſo vpon theſame othe oz othes ſo taken, diſcharge the partie
& parties of all ſuche ſummes of money as he oz they ſhould be in any
wiſe charged with, ſauyng onely of ſuche ſummes of money as theſame
partie oz parties were ſo ſeſſed at ſuche place and places where he oz
they were moſte conuerſaunt and dwellyng as is afozeſayd.

AND to the intent the kynges Maieſtie may be truely & tuſtly an-
ſwered of theſayd Relief of ꝑ polle of ſhepe befoze by vs graũted to his
highnes: be it ozdained and enacted by the auctheozitie afozeſayd, that
perely durying theſaid .iii. peres befoze the firſt day of May, there ſhalbe
a cõmiſſion with .x. cedules cõtainyng in them the tenoz of this act to be
annexed to ſuche Commiſſion directed vnder the kynges great ſeale of
England into euery coũtie, ſhyze, ridyng, citie, bozough, toune cozpozat
and the Ile of Wight. and into all and euery other place within this
realme and other the kynges dominions that is oz ſhalbe chargeable to
the paiment of theſayd Relief of the polle of ſhepe to ſuche perſones as
theſame yere befoze were Commiſſioners foz the aſſeſemẽt and taxation
of the value of euery perſones goodes and ſubſtaunce, in theſame ſhire

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or other place, or to as many of them as shalbe then liuyng, and to suche other persones as thesayd Lorde Chauncellor and other with him before named shall name and appoinct: By the whiche commission the Commissioners shall haue full power and aucthoritie to enquire by the othes of the Parson, Vicar or curate, and iiii. or as many honest persones of euery parishe, village, and Hamlet within the limites of their cõmission, wherof the Constable, Tithyngmã or Borsolder shalbe one, if any Constable Tythyngman or Borsolder be dwellyng in thesame parishe, village or Hamlet, & by the othes of as many other honest and discrete persones as they shal thynke conuenient, or otherwise by suche meanes and policies as they shal thynke best, whereby the trueth may appeare of the nombre and natures of all and singuler shepe beyng within the limittes of their commission, whose they be, in what toune or Parishe the owner dwelleth, and of what state or degre he is, and whether for the most part of the yere they be kept in seuerall pastures, or seuerall Marshes, or in commons, or grounds commonly vsed to be tylled: the tenor of whiche othe hereafter followeth.

YE shall diligently enquire & iustly and truely present and certifie vs the Kynges Commissioners what nombre of Ewes, Wethers and other shepe shepe be within the limittes of your charge, whose they be, in what toune or parishe the owner dwelleth, of what condicion and degre he is, and whether for the moste part of the yere they be kept in seuerall pastures or seuerall Marshes, or in commons or groũdes comonly vsed to be tylled, as ye trust to be saued by the merites of Christes passion.

And it is also ordained and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yerely duryng thesayd three yeres, on the Tuesday after the feast of the Natiuitie of Iamet Jhon Baptist, there shalbe a general suruay made, of all and singuler shepe, in euery parishe, village and other place within this realme, the Isle of Wight and other the kynges dominions chargeable to the payment of this relief of shepe, by suche persones as shalbe appointed and sworne to do thesame in maner and forme before rehersed. And that vpon suche suruay, euery shepe shalbe taken for a shere shepe that is at that tyme of suruay of the age of one yere or more, albeit thesame shepe be not at that tyme shorne.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that if any person to the intent to defraude the execucion of this statute shall remoue thesayd daye of suruay his shepe before the suruay taken from the vsual place where they were comonly kept for the most part of the yere, or els shall cause them or any part of them to be conuayed to any other place whereby they shall not be suruayed, or whereby the kyng shall lose any part of the Relief to him geuen by this statute, that euery person so offendyng shal forfaite and lose to the kynges Maiestie, treble so muche as he ought to pay by vertue of this statute.

And it is also ordayned and enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that

if any person summoned to appeare before thesayd Commissioners, do make default hauyng no reasonable excuse: or appearyng, shall refuse to take thesayd othe, or takyng thesayd othe shal not diligently attende and endeuour the execution therof, or shall not appeare and make presentment before thesayd Commissioners at suche tyme and place as he shalbe appointed, that euery person so offendyng for euery suche default shal forfait and lose to the kynges Maiestie xl.s.

And it is also ordained and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres within one moneth next after the surnay of sheepe, and the presentmentes made by the viewers of the sheepe in maner and fourme as is before declared, the Commissioners in euery shire or other place shall all or the moste part assemble themselfes together, and conferre the presentmētes made before them of the shepe, with the presentmētes before made of the value of the goodes and substaūce of all persones within the limittes of their Commission. And that vpon suche collacions of the presentmentes if it shall appeare vnto them that any person is chargeable by vertue of this acte to paye for the polle of his shepe whiche before was not charged for his goodes. Or that if any person within the limittes of their cōmission be chargeable to paye more after the rate of the polle of his shepe presēted before them, then he was before for the value of his substaunce of his goodes, thesayd Cōmissioners or the more part of them as they shalbe deuided, shall within one moneth next after suche assemble by their writynges indented to be signed and sealed by them, make furth extreates of all & synguler summes of money that any person ought to paye for the rate of the polle of his shepe not beyng before charged with his goodes, or for the ouerplus that any person ought to paye for that the rate of the polle of his sheepe doeth surmoūt the payment before made of the value of his goodes, and thesame writynges shal not only deliuer vnto sufficient and substancial inhabitantes, Constables, Subconstables and other officers & persons ioyntly of Hundredes, Townes, Parishes, and other places within the limittes where the owners d' sell or haue their moste vsual abidyng to be leuied, gathered, and receiued of the owner of suche shepe or his executours or administratours, but also shall in like maner deliuer the like writyng to the high Collectour of thesame limit, to charge him with the receipt thereof of the Subcollectour or Subcollectours, and the payment thereof at the kynges receipt. And that thesayd Subcollectours and Commissioners, shal not onely haue for their labours vi.d. of euery pounde, commyng, growyng and to bee payed to the kynges Maiestie for the Relief of the polle of the sheepe by vertue of this acte, but also that they and euery of them shall haue the like power and aucthoritie to gather and leuie thesame, and all tynes and forfaitures commyng and growyng for the execution and gatheryng of this Relief of the polle of sheepe by suche like waies and meanes as before in this acte be limitted

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and appointed for the leuying & gatheryng of the Relief of goodes. And that thesayd Cõmissioners, Collectours and all and euery other person and persones shall behaue, order, and vse themselues in all and euery thyng concernyng the execution of this part of the statute touchyng the leuying and gatheryng of the Relief of the polle of sheepe, as before in this acte is limitted and appointed for to do touchyng the Relief of the goodes vpon like paynes, penalties and forfaitures as be before declared in this acte.

Prouided alwayes and be it ordained and enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all and synguler summes of money due to the kynges maiestie of this Relief of the polle of shepe, shalbe gathered by the Subcollectour or high Collectour of the limittes where the owner dwelleth and in none other place.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that thesayd Commissioners for the surueay of the nombre and value of the shepe shal yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres make returne and certificat vnto the kynges Exchequer before the x. daye of October aswell of the counterpane of al and euery extreates deliuered by them to the high Collectours, as also of all & synguler presentmentes made before them, and of all and singuler their proceedynges cõcernyng thesayd cõmission. And that in the ende of all and euery their certificats they shall make special remembraunces and declarations of all and synguler persones not dwellyng within the limittes of their Commission, that haue sheepe within the limittes of thesame commission, where suche persones dwell, and of what state and degree they be, what nombre, and what kynde of shepe they be, and in what groundes for the most part of the yere thei be kept. And that vpõ suche returne and certificat of the commission to be made by the Commissioners for the surueay of sheepe beyng conferred with the bokes of the taxacion and value of the substaunce of euery person, if it shall appeare that the kynges Maiestie ought to haue more by any meanes towarde thesayd Relief then before was payed or payable, that then vpon an extreate therof to be made out of thesayd court of the Exchequer to the high collector of the place where the partie that ought to pay more dwelleth, thesame Collector shalbe therewith charged, and shall gather and leute thesame in like maner and forme as he ought to do the rest of his collections.

AND to thintent the kynges Maiestie may be fully answered for the Relief by vs before graunted of the price and value of all Clothes: be it ordayned and enacted, that the Commissioners to be appointed for the taxacion of the Relief of the substaunce of euery person, shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this acte, and of their commission, as they shalbe deuided, to name, constitute, and appoint, in euery Citie, Borough, Toune, Hundred and parishe, within the limittes of their de-

uisions by their discrections, suche and so many honest, substancial, and discrete menne, to be prayseers of thesayd clothes, chargeable to the payment of this Relief of clothes, as they shal thynke conuenient & necessary, and them from tyme to tyme to alter and put newe in their places as they shal haue occasion. And that thesayd prayseers before they take vpon them the apprayssement of suche clothes, shalbe sworne in maner and forme folowyng.

Ye shall faythfully and truely esteme and set the iust price and value of all suche clothes as shalbe brought vnto you to be viewed and praysed, as ye shal in your consciences thynke thesame worth to be solde when they shalbe wrought, and thesame shall not suffre to be deliuered out of your custody, till ye haue made of the colour, kynd and price therof an entry both in the boke of the Clothier and also of the Aulnageour or his deputie, and set to your handes or markes, declaryng who was the owner of the clothe, and the kynd and price therof, so helpe you God and by this boke.

And it is also ordayned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all kynde of clothes whiche from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of saynct Jhon Baptist next commyng durying the space of three yeres then folowyng, shalbe made within this realme, or Wales, to be vttered and put to sale, shalbe sealed with the kynges Seale, remaynyng in the custody of the Aulnageour, or his deputie or deputies, and prayed by two of thesayd prayers at the least, and entred into the bookes hereafter in this act mencioned, vpon payne of forfaiture of thesame clothe, the one halfe to the kynges Maiestie, the other to the partie that shall seaze thesame.

And it is also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that there shalbe iii. bokes yerely made, of the apprayseng of all and euery kynde of clothe to be made durying thesayd iii. yeres, the one of whiche bokes to remaine with the Aulnageour or his deputie, wherein shalbe written the colour, kynde and price of all and syngulier clothes viewed and apprayled that yere, according to the tenor of this statute, vnto whiche boke the owner of euery clothe or some other person for hym, and the prayseers shall set to their handes or markes when the clothe is sealed: And the other booke shall remayne with the owner of thesayd clothe whereunto thesayd Aulnageour and prayseurs shal set their handes and markes. And that the owner of al and euery clothe chargeable to the payment of the Relief of clothes graunted by this acte, yerely within xx. dayes after the yere expired, shal deliuer his sayd booke so subscribed or marked with the handes of the Aulnageour or his deputie and prayseurs to the Commissioners for the taxation and assesment of thesayd Relief within the limitte where suche Clothier dwelleth, or to one of them, vpon payne of forfaiture by thesame Clothier of treble so muche as he ought to paye to the

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kyng by reason of the aforesayd Relief of his clothes so sealed.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that euery Aulnageour shal yerely from & after the sayd feast of the Natiuitie of sainct Jhon Baptist next comming, kepe a parfite boke of the colour, kynd, and price of al and synguler clothes by him sealed, and the names of the owners therof in maner and fourme as is before declared, and the same booke yerely shal make and deliuer to the Commissioners, for the taxation of goodes within the limittes where suche Clothe maker dwelleth, or to one of them, within xx. dayes next after the yere expired.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any Aulnageour or his deputie do not make and deliuer the sayd booke in maner and fourme before rehersed, or do wilfully conceale any clothe by him sealed, & do not enter it into the sayd booke, that for suche offence the sayd Aulnageour shall not onely forfaite his office, but also shal make fine at the kynges wyll.

And it is also ordayned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd Commissioners of that limitte hauyng receiued the sayd bokes of the Aulnageour or his deputie or deputies, and the owner of the clothes, shal conferre the rates of the Relief of the clothes comprehended in the sayd booke, with the taxation and payment of the owner of the same clothes for his goodes. So that if it shall appeare thereby to them that the owner of any clothe is chargeable to pay for his clothes, whiche before was not chargeable for his goodes, for that suche owner ought to pay more after the rate of the Relief of his clothes containyng in the bookes deliuered to them, then he was before charged for the value of his substaunce of his goodes, the sayd Commissioners as they be deuided shall within one moneth next after the sayd bookes receiued, by their writyng indented to be signed and sealed by them, make furth extreates of all & synguler summes of money that any person ought to pay for his clothes, not beyng before charged with his goodes, & for the ouerplus that any suche person ought to pay for that the rate of his clothes doeth surmount the payment of the value of his goodes before made: and the same writyng shall deliuer to the high Collectour of the same limitte, to charge him with the receipt hereof, of the maker of the sayd clothes: and the payment thereof at the kynges receipt. And that the sayd high Collectour shall haue the like power and auctoritie to gather and leuy the same, by suche like wayes and meanes as before in this acte be limitted and appointed to the Subcollectour for the leuying and gatheryng of the Relief of goodes.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd Commissioners shall yerely duryng the sayd thre yeres make returne and certificat in the kynges Exchequer before the tenth day of October, not onely of the counterpane of all and euery extreate

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deliuered by him to the high Collectour, but also of the booke receiued of the Iuinageour as is aforesayd, and the prayfours names, and of al and synguler their procedynges concernyng thesayd payment of the relief of Clothes.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that euery of thesayd high Collectors whiche shal accompt for any part of thesayd relief of clothes in the Kynges Exchequer, vpon their seuetal sayd accomptes to be yelden, shalbe allowed yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres, for euery pound limitted to his collection, whereof any suche Collector shalbe charged and yelde accompte vi. pence as parcel of their sayd charge, that is to say, ii.d. of euery pound therof for suche persones as be limitted to be prayfours, for their paynes and labours: and other ii.d. of euery pound therof, euery of thesayd chiefe Collectours there accomptant, to receiue to their owne vse for their labours a charge in and about the premisses: and ii. pence of euery pound residue to be deliuered, allowed and payed by thesayd Collectours, so beyng thereof allowed, to suche of the Commissioners as shall take vpon them the busynes and labour for a about the premisses, that is to say, euery Collectour to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners whiche had the orderyng and the writynges of and for thesayd relief of clothes where thesayd Collectour or Collectours had their collection, for expences of thesayd Commissioners so takyng vpon them thesayd busynes and labor of their clarkes writyng thesayd preceptes and estretes for thesayd collections: thesame last ii.d. of euery pounde to bee deuided among thesayd Commissioners hauyng regard to the labour and busynes taken by them and their sayd clarkes in and aboute the premisses. For whiche part so to thesayd Cómissioners attaunyng, thesayd Commissioners vi. v. iiii. iii. or as many of them as shalbe therto appointed by the kynges commission and euery of them ioyntly and seuerally for his or their sayd part may haue his remedy against thesayd Collectour or Collectours whiche thereof been and might haue been allowed by action of debt, in whiche the defendant shal not wage his lawe, neither protection, Iniunction or other essoyne shalbe allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that this graunt of Relief nor any other thyng therin contayned, do in any wyse extende to charge the inhabitauntes or dwellers within Ireland, Bulleyn and the countie of thesame, Calleys, Hammes, Guysnes and the Marches of thesame, Jerneseye and Garneseye or any of them, of for or cõcernyng any goodes whiche thesayd inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse haue within Irelande, Bulleyne, the countie of thesame, Calleys, Hammes, Guysnes, or other marches of thesame, Jerneseye, Garneseye, or in any of them.

Prouyded also, that thesayd graunt of relief do not in any maner of wise extend or be preiudicial or hurtfull to thinhabitaũtes or resiauntes

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at this preſent tyme within the fiue Portes corporate, or to any of their membres incorporate or vnited to theſame fiue Portes, or to any of the ſame fiue Portes, of or for any part or parcel of theſayd ſummes graunted in this preſent Parliament of theſayd inhabitantes nowe reſiauntes or any of them to be tared, ſet, aſked, leuied or paied, but that theſayd inhabitantes and now reſiauntes in theſayd Portes & their membres and euery of theim, be and ſhalbe of and from theſayd graunt and payment of theſayd Reliefe of their goodes and cattalles duryng their reſiauncie there and no longer acquited and diſcharged, any matter or whatſoeuer thyng in this preſent act made or had to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo that this preſent act of Reliefe, ne any other thyng therin contained extend to any of the Engliſhe inhabitantes or reſiauntes in any of the coũties of Northumberland, Cũberland, Weſtmerland, the toune of Barwyke, the toune of Newcaſtle vpon Tyne and the biſhoprike of Durham, nor to any of them, of for or cõcernyng any goodes clothes or ſhepe, whiche theſame inhabitauntes or dwellers or any other to their vſe, haue within theſayd counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, and Weſtmerland or the toune of Barwyke, the toune of Newcaſtle vpon Tyne, or the biſhoprike of Durham or any of them, but that they and euery of them, ſhalbe of & from theſayd Reliefe, of and for their goodes, lyyng and beyng in theſame counties, tounes & Biſhopricke or any of them, vtterly acquited and diſcharged, any thyng in this preſent act before reherſed to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo that this acte ne any thyng therein contained ſhall extende to the goodes of any College, Hall, or Oſtle within the Vniuerſities of Oxforde and Cambrygge or any of theim, or to the goodes of the College of Wynton, founded by biſhop Wykham, or to the goodes of the College of Eton next Wyndeſore, or to the goodes of any reader or ſcholer within theſayd Vniuerſities and Colleges or any of them there remaunyng for ſtudy, without fraude or couyn, any thyng in this acte cõtained to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayd, that no ſpiritual perſon ſhalbe charged by this acte for any of his goodes or cattalles, other then of ſheepe, nor ſhalbe charged by this acte for any ſuche his ſheepe whiche he hath, or at any tyme within thre yeres nexte folowyng ſhall haue or kepe for the onely purpoſe to be ſpent or eaten in his houſe ſo as the nombre of theſame ſhepe ſo purpoſed to be ſpent and eaten yerely in his ſayd houſe, do not excede the nombre of foure hundreth ſhepe for one yere, nor for any ſuche his ſhepe as do go & feede, or ſhal go or feede for the moſt part of euery yere of iii. yeres next commyng vpon his landes, tenementes or commons, whereof ſuche ſpiritual perſones is or ſhalbe ſeazed in the right of his Churche or promocion ſpiritual, whiche landes, tenementes or commons be chargeable to the payment of the firſt frutes and tenthes.

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And forasmuche as diuers and sundry the kynges Maiesties tenaũtes and other thinhabitauntes and dwellers within the coũties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgã, Brecknock, Radnor, Mountgomery, Denbigh, Flynt, Marioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruon and of the countie Palentine of Chester, be at this present tyme charged & chargeable with the seueral paymentes of diuers great summes of money (by the name of a Myse) due to his Maiestie, accordyng to the seueral customes of thesayd counties, for the payment wherof diuers and sundry the gentlemen and other the inhabitauntes of thesayd coũties be and stand bound to his highnes: The kyng our souereigne lorde is therfore pleased and contented that it be prouided ordained & enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this act or any thing therin cõtained, shal not extend to charge any of the kynges maiesties tenauntes & other thinhabitantes and dwellers within any of thesayd counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknock, Radnor, Mountgomery, Denbigh, Flynt, Marioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruon and the countie Palentine of Chester beyng charged or chargeable with thesayd myse for or with any of the paymentes of thesayd Relief graunted to the kynges maiestie by this acte, vntill the seueral dayes and tymes appointed and agreed for the paymentes of thesayd Myses shalbe expired. And that the first payment of thesayd Relief of goodes shalbe made at the receipt of the kynges Exchequer before the first day of May then next folowyng after the day appoynted for the later payment to be made of thesayd Myse, and so perely before the first day of May at the receipt of thesayd Exchequer vntill the thre seueral paymẽtes of thesayd Relief be fully made in suche and like maner, forme and order as is ordained and appointed by this acte for the kynges subiectes concernyng thesayd Relief of goodes to be made at the receipt of thesayd Exchequer, accordyng to the tenor of this present acte. And also that the first payment of the Relief for Clothes and shepe in euery of thesayd seuerall Counties shalbe made in thesayd Exchequer after thesayd myses, due to be paied, at suche and like daies and tymes perely as is afore limitted by this act, this act or any thyng therin contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

And furthermore, be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd that the tenauntes and dwellers of euery of thesayd Counties in this prouiso remembred, shall seuerally before the feast of saincte Martyne the Byshop next ensuyng, certifie in the kynges sayd court of Exchequer vnder the seale of two Justices of Peace of euery of thesayd counties, wherof one to be of the Quorum, when and at what day the last payment of thesayd seueral Myses in euery of thesayd Counties shall ende and expire.

The. xxxvii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte against the cartyng of Bell. Metall out of the Realme.

WHere in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the.xxxiii.yere, of our late Soueraigne Lorde of famous memorie kyng Henry the eyght, it was enacted, that no person nor persones, should carie or conuey by water, or otherwyse, any brasse, copper, lattyn, bell mettal, panne mettal, or gunne mettal, or shrosse mettal, whether it be cleane or mixed (tynne and lead onely excepted) into any part beyond the sea, or into any outwarde realme or dominion, whatsoeuer it be vpon payne of forfaiture, of the double value thereof. And where also by thesayed estatute, it was lykewyse enacted that no persone, or persones, should at any tyme shyp or cartye any of thesayed mettalles, to cary or discharge thesame in any parte of this Realme, onelesse suche personne or persounes, before the shyppyng thereof did declare and manifest vnto the customers of suche a porte, or creke, where thesame mettall, should bee shypped, the true weyght of all suche mettall, as should be shypped, and should also make a sufficient obligacion, in the lawe, in the whiche he should be bounden, to thesayed customer, to the kynges vse, in suche somme as should amount to the double value of thesayd mettal, so declared and manyfested, with condicion that thesame should be discharged, at some porte, or Creke wythin this Realme, and in no other place, vpon payne to forfaite thesame in maner and fourme aboue rehersed, as by thesayed acte amonges other thinges more plainely appeareth. FOR asmuche as the paynes and forfaytures in thesayd estatute are not great ynough, and forasmuche also as dyuers couetous and gredye persones hauing no respecte or obedience to the lawes, haue craftely and by all synyster meanes practiced to defraude thesayed Estatute, some by brybyng and rewardyng the serchers, maisters, purssers, or other officers of shyppes, some by secrete conueiyng thereof in small crekes, in suger chestes, hoggesheddes or otherwyse: Be it therfore ordeined and enacted that frō & after the feastes of Easter next commyng, no person or persones shal carry, or conuey, or shyppe, to the entent to cary or conuey any Brasse, Copper, Latton, Bell mettall, panne mettall, Gonne mettall, or shrosse mettall, whether it bee cleare or myxed (Tynne and Lead onely excepted) into any part beyond the Sea, or into any outward Realme or Dominion, whatsoeuer it bee, vpon payne to forfait the double value therof, and ten poundes for euery thousande wayght of thesame mettall so carried and conueyed or shypped to the intent to be caryed, or conueyed, the tryal whereof shalbe in lyke maner and fourme as in thesayed former act is expressed.

AND be it further enacted, that no persone or persones, after the

sayed feast shall shyppe or carye any of thesayed mettals prohibited by this statute to carry, or discharge thesame in any parte of thys Realme, onlesse suche persone or persones before the shyppyng therof, do declare and manifest to the customer of suche porte or Creke, where thesame mettall shalbe shypped, the true weyght of all suche metall as shalbee shipped, and shal also before the shippping therof, make a sufficient obligacion in the law, in which he shalbe bounden to thesayed customer to the kynges vse in suche some as shall amounte to the double value and ten pound for euery thousand weight so declared and manyfested, wyth condicion as in thesayed estatute is appoyncted and enacted, and shall make certificat of the discharge therof in lyke maner as in thesaied estatute, is further ordeyned and enacted.

AND be it further enacted, that yf any customer, controller, or his or their deputie, or deputies, by coupn or by any other vndew meane wyll suffer any persone, after that the mettall is shypped or caryed contrarye to the meanyng of this acte to make obligacion or obligacõs, wythout dates for the discharge & certificat of their metal, as is aforesayed, that then suche customer, so suffryng or receiuing suche obligacion, or obligacõs, shal lose his office, & the value of the metal so shipped or caryed.

AND be it further enacted, that if any maister, owner, purser, or boteswaine of any shyppe, do wyllinglie permitte or suffre any of the mettalles abouesaied to be shypped contrarye to the tenour of thys acte, or els perceyuing any suche mettall to be shypped, do not disclose thesame within three dayes, after knowlege had, to the customer or controller of thesame porte, or his or their deputye or Deputies, where thesame is shypped: That then euery suche owner, maister, purser, or boteswaine, so wyllinglie putting thesame mettall to be shipped or concealing thesame when he perceaueth it to be shypped, shall forfayte the double value of thesame mettall so shypped or caryed. And yf any customer or ferther do wyllingly suffer any of the metals aforesayed to be shypped contrary to the meanyng of this Acte or els hauyng knowlege, that it is secretly shipped or cattied, do not seaze thesame to the kinges vse, then euery customer or searcher so offending, shall lose his office, and the value of the mettall so shypped or caryed.

AND be it further enacted, that no persõ nor persõs shal after thesaid feast, lade, ship, or cary into any part beyond the sea, any of the mettalles aforesaid, but only out of such port or creke where the customer or his deputie is resident & dwellyng, vpon paine of forfaiture of thesaid metall and ten poundes for euery thousand weyght, so shypped or caryed: the moytie of all whyche forfaytures shalbe to our Soueraigne Lorde the kyng, and the other moytie to hym or them that wyll sue for thesame by byll, plaint, informacion, accion of dette, or otherwyse in any of the kinges courtes, in whiche no essoyne, or protection, or wager of law shalbe admitted or allowed.

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AND be it further enacted that theſaied Eſtatute made in theſayed xxxiii. yere of the reigne of theſaid late king Henry the eight, and euery article and prouiſion, beyng not altered by this Eſtatute, ſhalbe good and effectuall.

¶ The.xxxviii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the pauyng of Calice.

FOr aſmuche as the ſtretes, lanes, and wayes within the kynges maieſties toune of Calyce, be very foule, ruinous, noiſome, and full of pyttes, and ſlowes, very daungerous, and perillous, aſwell for the kynges ſubiectes thorough and by them paſſing and repairyng, aſwell on horſebacke, as one foote, as alſo wyth cariage, for lacke of good pauing: for the good amendement and reformacio wherof, it may therfore pleaſe the kynges highnes with the aſſent of his Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and of his commons in this his hygh courte of Parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of theſame, that it maye be ordeyned eſtablyſhed, and enacted, that all and euery perſone, bodyes politique, and corporate which now haue or at any tyme hereafter ſhall haue, any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, in fee ſimple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe or for terme of yeres, or by reaſon of the wardeſhyp of any heire duryng the nonage of theſame heire or otherwyſe lyeng or beyng within theſaied toune of Calice, ſhall on thiſſyde the feaſt of ſainct Michell the Archangel, whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a. M. fyue hunderth fyftie and one, well & ſufficiently paue or cauſe to be paued wyth pauyng ſtone all the ſtretes, lanes, and wayes, & cauſeis with in theſayed toune of Calice wyth the channell runnyng in the myddell: Euery man ſuch part and quantitie of theſame ſtretes, lanes, and waies and cauſeis vnto the myddeſt of theſame ſtretes, lanes, wayes, and cauſeis, and euery of them in length, as his or their landes, or tenementes, do lye or extende: Except the toure hyghe ſtretes within theſayed toune of Calice whiche the Maior, and the Aldermen of theſayed toune haue vſed to paue and of ryght ought ſo to do. And alſo be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforeſayed, that all and euery ſuche perſonnes, hauyng or whyche hereafter ſhal haue landes, or tenementes, in fee ſimple, fee taile, for terme of life, or otherwyſe as is aforeſaied, lyeng, being, or adioyning to and next either ſyde of theſame ſtretes, lanes, waies, or cauſeis, or any of them, their heires, aſſignes, or ſucceſſours, after and from the feaſt of ſainct Michel the Archaungell, which ſhalbe in the yere of oure Lorde God a thouſand fyue hundreth fyftie and one, ſhall yerely mayntayne and repaire theſame pauementes, and euery of them ouer agaynſt hys or their ſayed landes and tenementes, well and ſufficiently from tyme,

to tyme, whan and as often as nede shall require, at all tymes hereafter wyth pauyng stone, vpon payne to forfayte, for euery yarde square not sufficiently paued, viii. pence to the Kynges maiesties vse, as often as any suche default of any persone, shalbe presented by the werdicte of xii. men, or by thre sufficient wytnesses, before the Mayor and Aldermen, of thesayed toune of Calice, for the tyme beyng. And that thesayed Maior and Aldermen, of thesame toune of Calice shall haue full power and aucthoritie to leuie thesame to the Kynges vse, by distres or plaint, in suche manour and fourme, as they haue heretofore vsed, and accustomed to leuie tynes or amerciamentes, wythin thesayed toune of Calice, and thesame to be payed in the Kinges Exchequer there. And yf the sayed Maior and aldermen, for the tyme beyng, be at any tyme or tymes negligent or remysse, in executyng of the premisses vnto them appoincted by thys acte, and namely after two or thre monitions, to them geuen by the Lorde deputie, treasourer, and Comptroller, of thesame toune for the tyme beyng, or two of them, that then thesayd Lord deputie, treasourer and conptroller, or two of them shall from tyme to tyme, by vertue of this act, haue full power and aucthoritie, to correct and reforme thesaied Maiors, and aldermen, so founde in default, by reasonable fyne, or amerciament, to be leuied vpon them, by waye of distres or otherwyse by the forsayed Treasurer, and Comptroller to the Kynges vse and behouffe, for euery suche default, thesame fyne, or amerciament to be answered within the kynges Exchequer there.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted, that yf the Leassees or occupiers of thesame Landes or Tenementes, so to bee paued wythin thesayd toune, do sufficiently paue, or repayre thesame before their mãsions, or dwellinge places theforesayed stretes, lanes, waies, or causes, That they and euery of them shall defaulke, abate and reteyne in his or theyr owne handes, asmuche of the Rentes due to the Lessours as they can duely, proue to haue expended on thesame Pauyng. And the Lessor, forsomuche as that some dothe amounte vnto, to haue no Accion nor reentre for the none payment of thesame, excepte it bee otherwyse agreed betwene them. And where also within thesayed toune of Calice, there are diuerse houses and Tenementes couered and thacked wyth Rede, and strawe, to the greate perell, and daungier of fyer, wythin thesame Toune (whyche God defende) For the spedie remedy and good reformacion whereof: be it also enacted by the authoritie of this presente Parliament assembled that from henceforth no persone nor persones whatsoeuer they be, shall couer, or thacke any maner houses, or buildinges within thesaid toune with rede or straw, but only with tyle or slate. And that all houses and buildinges which are alredy couered with rede or strawe within thesaied toune shalbe on thisside the feast of sainct Michell the Archangell whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lord God a thousand fiue hundreth fyftie and two, wholy and fullie couered

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wyth tyle or slate, at and by the proper costes and charges, of the takers of the profittes of thesame houses, and buyldynges, for the tyme beinge. And whatsoeuer owner or owners of thesayed houses or Tenementes, wythin thesame towne on thys syde thesayed feast of saynt Michell the Archangell, whyche shalbe in thesayed yere of oure Lorde God a thousand fyue hundreth fyftie and two, do not take and plucke doune thesame strawe, and rede, from thesayed buyldynges and houses, and couer them agayne newely wyth tyle, or slate, wythin thesame time: That then euery such owner, or owners, for not doing therof, in fourme abouesaid shal forfaite to the kyng our souereigne Lord, for euery mansion house, not so done ten pounde; The same forfayture to bee leuyed by thesayed Threasourer, and Comptroller, for the tyme beynge, to the Kynges vse, and to be paied into the Kynges Exchequier there.

¶ The.xxxix. Chapiter.

The Kynges maiesties free and moste general Pardon.

THe Kynges moost royall Maiestie, right well perceiuyng his louyng subiectes by many & sundrie waies and meanes, to haue borne & sustained the great aduentures, charges and busynesse of warres and defences of thys his Realme, aswell in the tyme of hys most deare father Kyng Henry the eight, as in his time and reigne, entēding of his clementie and pitie to gratifie his saied subiectes with his graces free and liberal pardon, accordyng to his kyngly power, trustyng assuredly that his saied subiectes wyl continue his louinge and assured obedient subiectes, and hereafter in suche sort obeie his highnes, lawes and statutes, as to them and euery of them of right appertaineth: is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of thys present Parliament, in maner and fourme folowyng, that is to saye, that al and euery of his saied subiectes, aswel spiritual as temporal of this his Realme of England, Wales, the Iles of Jerneseye and Gerneseye, Barwicke, Calleis, Guysnes, Hammes, Bulloigne and Bullonois: and the Marches of thesame, the heires, successors, executors, & administrators of them and euery of them, and all and singuler bodies in any maner of wyse corporate, Cities, Boroughes, shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, lathes rapes, wapentakes, tounes, villages, and tithinges, and euery of them, and the successor and successors of them, shalbe by thauctoritie of thys present Parliament acquited, pardoned, released & discharged agaynst the kynges highnes, his heires, successours and executours, and euery of them of all maner of treasons, heresies, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, trespasses, wronges, deceiptes, mysdemenors, forfaitures,

penalties, and profites, sommes of money, paynes of death paynes corporall, and pecumary, and all other thynges, causes, quarelles, suytes, iudgementes and executions, whiche may be, or can be by his highnes in any wyse or by any meanes pardoned before, and vnto the xiiii. daye of Marche, in the yere of our Lord God. M. cccc. xl viii. other then such as hereafter in this acte bee excepted or foreprised in suche maner and fourme, and vnto suche tymes as they bee excepted or foreprised in this acte, and other then suche as the clauses of prouiso hereafter mencioned doth extende vnto.

AND also the kinges highnes is further contented and pleased that it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that this hys sayed generall and free pardon, shalbe as good and effectual in the law, to euery of his sayed subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before rehersed, and to euery of them, by thesayed generall wordes before rehersed in all thinges, which be not hereafter in this present act excepted or foreprised, as thesame pardon should haue been, yf all offences, contemptes, forfaitures, causes, matters, suytes, querelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thynges not hereafter excepted, nor contayned in any clause of prouiso hereafter mencioned, had ben particulerly, syngulerly, specially, and plainly named, rehersed and specifyed and also Pardoned by proper and expresse woordes and names in their kyndes natures and qualities, by wordes and termes thereunto requisite to haue be put in and expressed in this acte of free Pardon.

AND that hys said subiectes, nor any of them nor their executors nor administratours of any of them, nor any of thesayed bodyes corporate, nor any other persons bodies politique or corporate before named or any of them be, nor shalbe sued, vexed or inquieted in their bodyes goodes, landes, or cattalles, for any maner matter cause, contempt, misdemeanor, forfaiture, trespalle, offence, or any other thyng suffred, done or committed against his highnes, croune, dignitie, prerogatiue, law, or statutes, but onely for suche matters, causes and offences as be rehersed in the exceptions and clauses of prouiso, in this present Acte hereafter mencyoned in suche maner and fourme, as in thesame exceptions and clauses of prouiso be mencioned and for none other, any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vses or presidentes heretofore had, made, or vsed to the contrary in any wyse notwythstandyng.

AND also the kynges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie by the auctoritie of this present Parliament graunteth & freely geueth to euery of hys sayed Subiectes and euery of thesayed bodyes corporate, and other before rehersed, and to euery of them, al suche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, goodes, cattals, debtes, fines, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaitures, and summes of money by any of them forfaited, whyche to his highnes doth or should belonge or appertaine, by reason of any offence, contempt, trespalle, misdemeanour, matter, cause or quarrell

rell suffred, done, or committed by them or any of them, whiche bee not hereafter forepsed or excepted in this psent acte.

AND that all and euery the kinges sayed subiectes, and all and singuler bodies corporate, and other before rehersed may by him or themselfes, or by his or their deputie, or deputies, or by hys or their attorney or attornais, according to the lawes of this realme plead, ammister this psent act of free pardō for his or their discharge, of and for euery thing that is by vertue of this psent acte pardoned, discharged, geuen, or graūted without any fee or other thing in any wyse paying to any persō or persones for writyng, or entry of the iudgement, or other cause concernyng suche plee, writyng, or entrey, but only .xii.d. to be payed to the officer or clerke that shall entre the plea, matter, or iudgement, for the discharge of any of the partie so pleadyng thesame, any statute or vse to the contrarie in any wyse notwythstandyng.

AND furthermore the kynges hyghnes is pleased and contented that it be enacted by aucthoritie of this psent parliament, that hys saied free pardon by the generall wordes before rehersed shalbe reputed, demed, and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner of Courtes and els where, aswell in the woordes and clauses of exceptions and fore prises specified in thys psent acte, as in all and synguler other clauses, wordes and sentences mencioned and rehersed in this his saied free pardon moste beneficially and auailably to all and synguler hys sayed subiectes, bodyes corporate and other before rehersed, and to euery of them in all thynges ambiguous or doubtfull, and moste strongly in Barr and discharge against his highnes, his heires, successours, & executours, in euery thyng wythout any obstacle, chalenge or other delay, whatsoeuer it shalbe to be made, pleaded, obiected or alledged by the kyng our souereigne Lorde his heires, successours or executours, or by his or any of their generall attorney or attornets or by any persone or persones for hys gyghnes or any of hys heires, successors or executors.

AND furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, by aucthoritie of this psent Parliament, that yf any officer or clerke of any his highnes courtes commonly called the kynges Benche, Chauncery, and common place, of hys Exchequier or of any other officer or clerke of any other court within this Realme or in Wales, or other hys hyghnes dominons aboue mencioned, at any tyme after the tenth day of Maye next comming whyche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a M.ccccc.xlix. make out or wryte out any maner wryttes or other processe, or any extractes, sommons, or other preceptes wherby any of the sayed subiectes or any of these ped bodyes corporate, or other before rehersed, or any of theim, shalbe in anywyse arrested, attached, distrayned, sommoned, or otherwyse vexed, inquieted, or greued in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes or cattals, or in any of them, for or because of any maner of thyng pardoned or discharged by vertue of thys

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acte of free pardon, he so offendyng and thereof lawfully condempned, shall yelde and paye for the recompence therof to the partie so greued or offended, treble dāmages, to be accompted as parcell of the dammages and costes of the suite. And neuertheles, all and singuler suche wrytes, processe, extractes and preceptes, so to bee made for or vpon any maner thyng pardoned or discharged by this act of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect.

Excepte alwayes and forprised out of this generall and free pardon, all and all maner prepensed and voluntary murders and poisonynges: And except all felonious, takyng or stealyng of any goodes or cattals out of any Churche, Chappell or dwellyng house, and all and synguler robberies and robbery of any persone or persones in or nere any Highe waye committed, perpetrated or done.

AND also except and forprised out of this free pardon, al and al maner of piracies and offences vpon the sea, had done committed or perpetrated, sythen the fyrst daye of Januarie in the firste yere of the reigne of our soueraigne Lorde the kyng. And also all and all maner of punishementes, Impeticions, forfaytures, paynes of death, Judgementes, and executions, for the premisses before excepted and for euery of them.

AND except and forexprised out of this free pardon, al and al maner of deceates and conceilementes, of all and singuler Moniers, and other officers, ministers, and workemen of or in any of the mintes wythin any of the kynges Realmes or dominions perpetrated, done or committed, in or aboute the makyng coynyng or alteryng of any money curraunt within this Realme or in any wyse touchyng or concernyng any accomptes, or bookes of any of thesayed officers or ministers or any of them, and all maner of impeticions, punishmentes, forfaytures and penes for thesame.

AND except and forexprised out of this free pardon, all and singuler sommes of money graūted to the late kyng Henry the eight, by way or meane of subsidie, fiftene, beneuolence, loane and contribucion, or by any of thesame wayes or meanes. And all detaynets, wytholdynges and none paymentes touching or concerning thesame, and also all and all maner of accōptes, and all accions, suites, and demaundes touchyng or concernyng any accomptes, and all arrerages of accomptes, and all debtes, Impeticions, suytes, Demaundes and executions by ocasyon or meanes of any accompt or for any accompt.

AND also except all tytles of Accions of *Quare impedit*, all raunsshmentes and wythholdyng of the kynges wardes, and the wythholdyng of any wardes, landes or tenementes, and the profyte of the same landes and tenementes, and al and euery syne or synes for the single value or double value, of the mariage or mariages of any the kinges wardes, at any tyme, growen to the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, or to any of his noble progenitours.

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AND alſo excepte all Homages and reliefes, and all rentes ſcutages, rentescharges, rentes ſeck, and tenthes and thartrages of euery of theim.

AND alſo except and forpryſed out of this free pardon all and ſinguler forfaitures, and all maner of penalties, ſūmes of money and profytes whatſoeuer, growen or dew by reaſon of any offence of any act cō mitted or done, contrary to any Statute or ſtatutes, or contraire to the common lawe extendyng aboue the ſomme of ten poundes in money or value, whereof any ſeaſure was made, or any informacion geuen in the Kynges Exchequer or any ſute there commenced and nowe depen dyng before the .xii. day of February in the yere of oure Lorde GOD. M.cccc.xlviii. and not yet determined, or where of the Kynges hyghnes or Kyng Henry the eight, by Bill Sealed wyth any of their Seales, before the fourten daye of Marche in the yere of our Lorde GOD M.cccc.xlviii. haue made any gyfte or aſſygnement, to any of the ſeruauntes of our ſouereigne lorde the kyng, or Kyng Henry the eyght, or to any other perſone or perſones.

AND except and forpryſed out of this free pardon, all and ſynguler forfaitures and ſommes of money beyng dew to our ſouereigne Lorde the kyng, or to kyng Henry the eyght, by any penall ſtatute or ſtatutes whiche be conuerted into the nature of debtes by iudgement or by agre ment of the offendour.

AND except and forepryſed out of this free pardon, all and all maner of debtes, dew and to be dew to our ſouereigne lord the king, or vnto the late noble Kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the eyght, and Kyng Henry the ſeuenth, or to any of theim (other then ſuche as are due to our ſouereigne lorde the kyng) vpon any obligacion or recogniſaūce forfetted for none apparaunce, or for not kepyng of the peace, or not beyng of good behauour.

AND alſo except all yſſues, fines, and amerciamentes, afferid, tared, ſet, extracted, or entred ſeuerally, or particulery, touchyng and concernyng any one perſone, or mo perſons ioyntly, extending to the ſomme of twenty poundes or aboue. And that all and ſynguler other fines, aſwell fines *Pro licencia concordandi* as other fines for contemptes or offences, ſet, or tared, and alſo all yſſues, and amerciamentes aſwel real as other which ſeuerally or particulery extend not vpon or concernyng any one perſon or mo perſones ioyntly, to the ſomme of twenty poundes, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of any ſhiriefe or ſhiriefes, or not taken to his or their charge, extreated or not extreated, whether they be turned into debt, or not turned into debt, and not beyng leuied nor receiued by any ſhyriefe or ſhyriefes, bailif, miniſters, or other officers, ſhall be fully, clerely, and plainely pardoned, and diſcharged againſt the kyng our ſouereigne lorde his heyres and ſucceſſors for euer by this preſent acte of free Pardon.

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AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that in cace it shalbe obiected to or against any Shrife or shriefes, or other accomtaunte or accoumptauntes in the kynges courte of Exchequer or in any other his courtes, that any shriefe, or shriefes, or other officers accomptaunte haue receaued or taken any suche fynes, yssues or amerciamētes, by this present act pardoned & acquited, that then euery suche shriefe or shriefes or other accōptaūtes shalbe discharged, released, pardoned, and acquited therof by his or their othe without any further trial in ẏ behalf

PROVIDED alwaies that this present acte of free Pardon, nor any thing therin conteined in any wyse extend to discharge, pardon, remit or acquite any persone or persones, for any maner of yssues, fines, or amerciamentes of twenty pounde or vnder, whereof any Shriefes hath heretofore accompted before the barons of the kynges exchequer, or els where, and payed thesame yssues, fynes, or amerciamentes, vpon his or their saied accompt, determined to the kynges vse and haue his or their *quietus est* for thesame.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by thaucthoritie of this present Parliament, that al and euery person and persones which haue tended to sewe liuery out of the kynges handes, or that ought to sewe any liuerie out of the kynges handes, or that ought to sewe any *Oster lemain*, of any Manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be, shall sue and be bounden to sue his and their liuerie, or liueries, and *Oster lemain*, of his and their manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as they ought or should haue done, yf this free Pardon had neuer been graunted, any article, clause, matter or sentence, acte or actes, thing or thinges in this present acte of fre pardon, comprised or specified to the contrarye, in any wyse notwythstandyng.

AND excepte and forprised out of this free pardon, all and synguler persone and persones, beyng thesayed. xiiii. daye of Marche in the yere of our Lorde God a. M. ccccc. xlviii. prysoner or prysoners in the Toure of London, or in the Flete, or which were in thesayd prysons, or any of them at any tyme syns the fyrst daye of Februarie, in the yere of our Lord God. M. ccccc. and. xlviii. & are not discharged out of prisō the saied. xiiii. daye of Marche: and also all and singuler person and persones at any tyme before the eight daye of Marche in thesayed yere of our Lord God. M. ccccc xlviii. put to death or in execuicon by vertue of any maner of iudgement against him or theim geuen.

AND except and forprised out of this free pardon, al and al maner of Treasons done, committed or perpetrated by any person or persones in any of the parties of beyonde the Sea, or in Scotlande, by any person or persones now beyng beyond the sea, or in Scotlande (other then suche treasons or petit treasons as hath been committed, perpetrated or done by any person beyng beyond the sea or in Scotlande, that before the feast of the Natiuitie of our lord God that shalbe in the yere of our

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Lord God.M.ccccc.xlix.shal come and make their returne and repaire into this realme of Engelande).and except all impeticions,punishmentes,forfaitures, paynes of deathe execucions and iudgementes,for thesayed Treasons.

AND furthermore the Kynges maiestie of hys especiall grace and clemencie, is pleased and contented,that it bee enacted and established by thaucthorytie aforesayed, that all and synguler person and persones beyng borne within this Realme of Englande, or in any of the kynges dominiōs,and now being beyond the sea,or in Scotland, which before the first day of Marche,in the yere of our lord God.M.ccccc.xlviii.dyd flee out of this Realme of Englande, or any of the Kynges dominions for any high treason,petyt treason,misprision of treason,or for any felonie,murder or other crime or offence by hym or theim in any wyse committed,done or perpetrated,shall by vertue of this fre pardon be clerely discharged,acquited and pardoned of all and all maner of Treasons, petit treasons,misprision of treasō,and other offences,and crimes whatsoeuer,done,committed,or perpetrated before thesaid first day of Marche,in thesayed yere of our Lord God.M.ccccc.xlviii.And of all maner of Impetycions, suites, penalties forfaitours, and execucions for the same:So that he or they do come,and make their retourne and repayer into this realme of Englande,on thissyde thesayed feaste of the Natiuitie of our Lorde God.M.ccccc xlix.

AND also our saied soueraigne lord the kyng by vertue of this act and by thaucthoritie abouesaid,doth geue aucthoritie & licence to al and euery of thesaid person & persons,being beyond the sea or in Scotland, to returne and repaire into this realme of England & other his dominions before thesame feast of the natiuitie of our lorde God.M.ccccc.xlix.

PROVIDED alwayes,and be it enacted by the aucthoritie afore saied,that it shalbe lefull to all and euery clerke and other officer of any of the kynges courtes wythout any forfaiture, losse or punishment for thesame,to awarde and make writtes of *Capias vtlagatum*, at the suite of the partie plaintife,against any person or persones being outlawed, in any accion to the intent to compel the person or persons so outlawed to make aunswere to the plaintife or plaintifes,at whose suite he or they were or was outlawed,and also that euery persone and persons nowe beyng outlawed,shalbe bounden to sue a wryte of *Scire facias*, agaynst the partie or parties at whose suite he or thei were or was outlawed before such time as the person or persons so outlawed,shall take any aduauntage of this free pardon concernyng his or their outlary.

AND the kyng our souereigne Lorde, is contented and pleased, to graunt by thaucthoritie aforesaied, that it shalbe lawful to all and synguler Archebishops and byshops of this his realme of England & Wales to deliuer out of prison and set at libertie all and singuler those persons being in prison in their custody,or in the custodi of any of them as

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clercke or clerkes conuict or attainted, which be pardoned by this act of free Pardon, wythout any further acte or suite to bee made for the allowaunce of this pardon or otherwyse, any acte of Parliamẽt, law, vsage, custome or other thyng to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED alwayes, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayed, that thys present Acte of free Pardon or any thyng therein contayned shall not in any wyse extend to discharge or pardon any offence, pain, or penaltie, done, committed, or forfayted by force of any Estatute heretofore made against the decayyng of any house or houses of husbandry or conuertyng of any lande from tyllage into pasture, otherwyse or in any other maner, then to Pardon and discharge all yssues, profytes, paynes and penalties growen or due to the Kynges maiestie or to hys late father of famous memory kyng Henry the eight, before the last day of Marche in the yere of our Lord God. M.cccc.xlix. or by reason of any suche offence or offences, whyche yssues, profites, paynes and penalties are plainely and clearly before pardoned in and by this present acte of free pardon, nor shall extende to geue or make any lycence or dispensacion to any persone or persones to hold or contynue thesame so decayed contrary to the forme of any suche estatute or statutes.

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